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Working to protect sex workers

VICE UNIT

Calgary police keeping track of women in the industry

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

In a northeast hotel room, a young woman speaks with a member of the Calgary Police Service on a typical Wednesday afternoon.

A member of the CPS Vice Unit, the officer asks the woman about her tattoos, where she was born, how old she is.

The conversation is casual, but it's a conversation that could help change a life.

The young woman being interviewed is a sex worker, one who was brought to the hotel for a "date," by officers posing as a potential client online.

The questions she's answering are being used to fill out an Avoid Victimization by Encouraging Reporting and Tracking (AVERT) form, to ensure if anything were to happen to her while working in the industry, police would know who she was, where she's from, and who to contact.

However, the officer also asks the woman, a 22-year-old who goes by the name of Sara, whether or not she's been on any bad dates, if she's working independently, and why she got involved in the industry in the first place.

"Fast money, that's the only answer I have," Sara said. "Fast money."

MORE ABOUT SARA AND THE CPS OPERATION ON PAGE 18

COINS FOR COWBOYS

A cowboy-hatted shadow is cast on The Royal Canadian Mint's 100-kilogram, pure gold, "million dollar coin." The coin made its first appearance in Calgary as a new Stampede silver bullion coin was also unveiled. More in metroNEWS. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

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Cycling, drinking and summer

INTOXICATION

Although frowned upon, two wheels still better than four

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

As a kickoff to summer, many Calgarians are leaving their cars parked and enjoying patio weather, festivals, and other alcohol-laden activities throughout the city's core by bike.

Many summer festivals, including Sled Island, are encouraging patrons to cycle to venues, but warn against overindulging and getting behind two wheels.

"If you're too drunk to drive, you're too drunk to ride," said Shawn Petsche, festival manager with Sled Island. "That's kind of the tagline."

Sled has put up two posters at each of their venues on bike safety including those who may want to ride home after one too many brews.

One cyclist told Metro drunk cycling is prevalent among his friend group.

"I generally always use my bike unless it's (bad) weather. Then it's generally a cab if all else fails," said the cyclist. "Biking is free and a ton more fun, especially with your buddies along for the ride. Also, parking is usually everywhere for bikes."

According to the Calgary police web page, biking while impaired by alcohol isn't actually illegal. Those behind the handlebars can't be charged under the criminal code, because a bicycle isn't considered a "motor vehicle," but they could be hit with a public intoxication fine.

Staff Sgt. Paul Stacey, of the CPS Traffic Unit, said, from their point of view, if you're impaired and finding your way home, police are just happy you aren't behind the wheel of a motor vehicle – as long as you aren't endangering yourself or others in other ways.

"We try to find alternatives to charging people, because frankly we would rather see you find some alternate way of getting home if that's the case, than driving," Stacey said. "We get that — that you're trying to be responsible, you're not driving a vehicle and that's good."

He added that police don't keep statistics on impaired cyclists because it's not a crime in and of itself, and they don't tend to hand out many public intoxication tickets.

The new cycle track network is within biking distance of many bars and pubs downtown and in the Beltline, but the city doesn't collect data on inebriated cyclists, either.

Metro asked the city's transportation department for nighttime bike counts on the cycle track use, but staff weren't able to provide stats before press time.

Jason Ponto rides his bicycle down Kensington Road in 2012. He was working on a PhD at the time, comparing cycling cultures — and attire — between Calgary and Amsterdam, where helmets are far less common. METRO FILE

PENALTIES

- Public intoxication can come with a $150 fine or a night in the "drunk tank"
- Cyclists can be fined for distracted riding, just like a motorist
- Cycling on sidewalks could land you another fine, unless you are under 14 years old

SAFETY

Helmets for all, just ask

They may mess up your hair, but members of Prohab say "safety is sexy" and putting on a brain bucket before you take off for a spin is essential.

Prohab is a not-for-profit, volunteer-run group that got it's start handing out helmets with a pay-what-you-can model at the 2011 Sled Island festival

The group was formed after president Shane Rempel lost a cousin in British Columbia to a late-night bike accident — he wasn't wearing a helmet.

"One of the major barriers between someone getting a helmet or not is usually cost," said Rempel.

The group gives out helmets with reflective stickers and also tries to help music fans and fashionistas overcome their fear of "not looking cool" with their safety gear in tow.

Every year, the group hands out anywhere from 100 to 250 helmets. This year, they are set up at the Sled main stage.

"Our presence at Sled is during the day. We don't really encounter a lot of people out at the bars," said Rempel. "We don't encourage or condone drinking and cycling; we are just there to give helmets to people that don't have them."

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IN BRIEF

Police seek man after two banks robbed

The Calgary Police Service is asking for the public's help in locating an alleged serial bank robber.

According to a release from city police, on Wednesday a man used a robbery note to rob a CIBC branch in the 2000 block of 16 Avenue NW around 12:15 p.m. Later in the day at around 4:20 p.m., a man robbed a second CIBC branch using the same method located in the 2300 block of Centre St. NE.

Police say in both instances, the suspect is described as white, between 35 to 40 years of age standing roughly five-foot-seven with shoulder-length brown hair.

At the time of the robbery, police said the man had a moustache and a goatee and was wearing a dark baseball cap, sunglasses. He was said to be wearing a red T-shirt during the first robbery and a white t-shirt during the second.

METRO

Boa constrictor found at Greyhound bus station

Snakes on the bus, snakes on the bus! Well, not quite, but close.

Calgary police responded to a call late Thursday afternoon after an employee spotted a one-metre-long boa constrictor snake slithering out of a locker.

Police said that it isn't clear how the snake came to be at the station but that it would have to belong to someone, considering they are not native to Calgary.

Officers transported the snake to the Calgary Humane Society and animal control was contacted.

METRO

Three bills create new rules on taxes

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

'We're building the plane while we fly it': Premier Notley

Alberta's new NDP government wrapped up its spring session Thursday, passing three bills but inaugurating a sea of change in how the province raises money and finances elections.

"These past 14 days have been exciting and productive and, of course, there is as always a great deal more to do," Premier Rachel Notley told reporters.

She acknowledged it has been a whirlwind month taking over power while simultaneously launching policy changes.

"We're building the plane while we fly it."

Opposition Wildrose Leader Brian Jean said the session crystallized the NDP as a government organically programmed to solve social ills by taxing and spending.

"They will tax and make a plan later, and they will increase taxes and make a plan later," said Jean.

The two-week session followed an historic election that saw Notley and the NDP win a majority government by dethroning a Progressive Conservative dynasty that had been in control for almost 44 years.

The New Democrats' flagship Bill 1 banned corporate and union donations to political parties — the first step, they said, to levelling the playing field to ensure that organizations with deep pockets don't exert undue influence.

The bill passed unanimously, but opposition members said it needs further changes to prevent organizations from using backdoor methods to funnel cash or donate staff time staff in lieu of money.

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley gives a thumbs-up to the crowd before the speech from the throne in Edmonton, on June 15. The recent legislature session ended Thursday.

JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The session also changed Alberta's tax structure to have large corporations and the top seven per cent of earners pay more.

> **They will tax and make a plan later...**
>
> Brian Jean, Opposition Wildrose Leader

The corporate tax was hiked to 12 per cent from 10 per cent, while the NDP resisted opposition calls to reduce the small business tax from its current level of three per cent.

Individuals making more than $125,000 a year will see their personal taxes increase on a sliding scale from the current flat tax level of 10 per cent. The house also passed an $18.5-billion interim spending bill to keep the money flowing to government until Notley's team introduces its budget in October.

The government also announced $624 million in new spending over the next few months. There's extra money for post-secondary institutions, cash to cover increased school enrolment and money to reverse planned cuts to health care.

The tone of debate, with 70 new legislature members, was collegial bordering on edgy with an occasional angry flare-up.

The Wildrose and the Tories pushed the NDP to justify the tax hikes along with its plan to boost the minimum wage to $15 from $10.20 by 2018.

PC Leader Ric McIver said he and his eight caucus members are embracing their new role as critic and watchdog. "We can expect the government to blame us for everything except being on the grassy knoll when Kennedy was shot, but that's going to get old."

Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark said the jury is still out on the NDP. "I do worry that the amount of money they're spending and the amount of money they're trying to bring in doesn't create an incentive for efficiency."

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IPSOS POLL

Secondary suites get strong support

Another week, another poll on secondary suites, a vastly different result.

An Ipsos survey released Thursday found Calgarians are overwhelmingly in favour of secondary suites, with 76 per cent of respondents saying they either strongly (21 per cent) or somewhat (56 per cent) support "greater development of new secondary suites in Calgary, subject to regulations."

"Support is well above majority levels across all city quadrants, both genders and all age groups," the Ipsos report states, noting that support levels were correlated with age, to a certain extent.

Among 18- to 34-year-olds, 81 per cent were in favour, while that level dipped to 78 per cent among those aged 35 to 54, and to 69 per cent among those 55 and older.

The results stand in stark contrast to those in a Mainstreet Technologies released last week that found more sharply divided opinions among Calgarians, with 42 per cent approving of zoning changes to accommodate more secondary suites, and 37 per cent opposed.

City council voted 9-6 in May to give first reading to a new bylaw that would make land-use changes so that secondary suites would be either permitted or discretionary uses by default in Wards 7, 8, 9 and 11, which together constitute a major chunk of the city's central area.

The changes wouldn't take effect unless council approves second and third readings of the new bylaw. The item is set for a vote at the next regular council meeting on Monday, June 29. METRO

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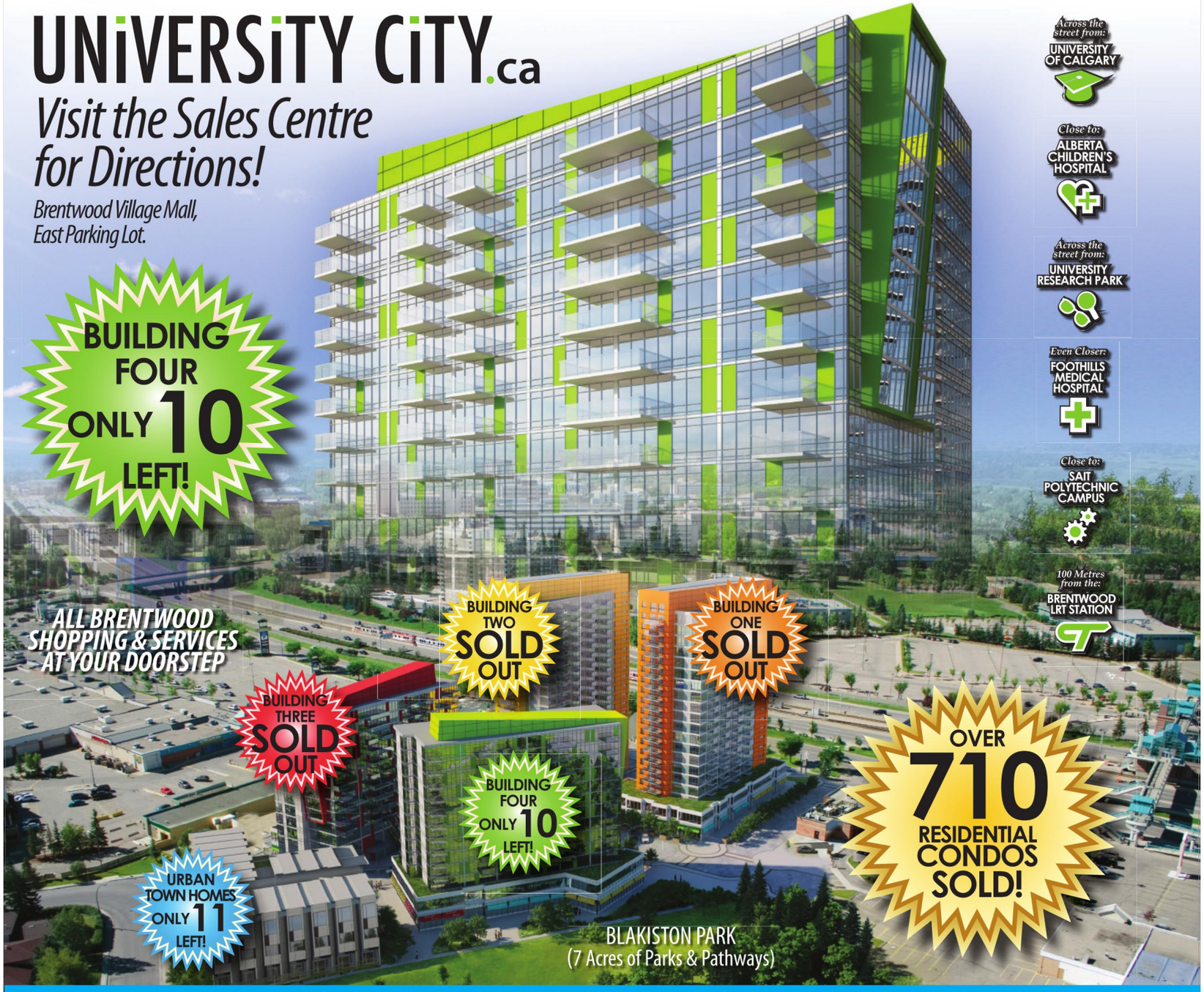

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Calgary police redraw their districts

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Police Service is redrawing its police districts following a year-long assessment on a number of elements including call volume and call complexity.

All of Calgary's eight police districts were redrawn as a result of the review, with populations in Districts 5, 7 and 8 seeing the largest increases in growth from 2010 to 2014.

"Our job in the City of Calgary is to look for efficiencies and an effective way to deliver our service to the citizens of Calgary, so we're constantly looking at the alignment," said CPS Supt. Kevan Stuart.

Alongside changes to the district, the CPS also announced a change in its deployment methods, as by January 2016, the entire police service will have moved from a zone model to a team-policing model.

Districts 1, 5 and 7 are already operating under the team model, with it being introduced in the remaining districts in the coming months.

Stuart said the new model will make for better policing, as it will allow team sergeants and officers to consistently work together, rather than at random.

"They would get to know the officers better, they would get to know their strengths and weaknesses and better be able to evaluate them during their annual evaluation process."

The district realignments came into effect on June 21.

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Cosette Swart, 4, says her favourite colours to paint with are purple, pink and gold. To date, she's sold 80 paintings and raised more than $8,000 for charity. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Pint-sized Picasso rakes in charity cash

PROFILE

Cosette Swart holding first gallery showing

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

"This one's sold, this one's sold, oh, and this one goes here," declares Cosette Swart as she walks by each of her paintings hanging in the Manning Centre.

It's 10:30 on Thursday morning and she's preparing for her first-ever gallery showing — and Cosette is only four years old.

"She remembers all of her paintings," says her mom, Kristy-Anne Swart.

"There was one painting she sold a year ago that I brought into the gallery, and she ran up to it, gave it this big hug and says, 'I've missed you!'"

Over the course of the past year, Cosette has sold 80 paintings, raising more than $8,000 for charity.

Kristy-Anne said it all began during a visit to Phoenix last April, when Cosette joined her parents in collecting groceries for a food drive.

"She was shocked to find out that some people don't have enough food to eat, that they would be hungry, because that's never been a thought to her," she said.

"After that, she couldn't stop thinking about it and really wanted to help."

Instead of simply collecting bottles, Kristy-Anne decided to go a more creative route, launching a website to sell 14 of Cosette's paintings.

Within the day, they all sold out, prompting Cosette to keep making new ones.

With the money, they've given alpacas, chickens, cows and goats to families through World Vision Canada's Give a Gift program.

And through the American organization Charity Water, the funds raised from Cosette's work have helped to build 170 wells across the world.

"It's really about the power of a child's voice, the power that children have to change their own lives and the lives of their peers," said Sarah Austin, World Vision child-rights advocate.

"Cosette's just such a great example of that.

"She's using something that she loves to tell a story, to make a difference and to help other kids."

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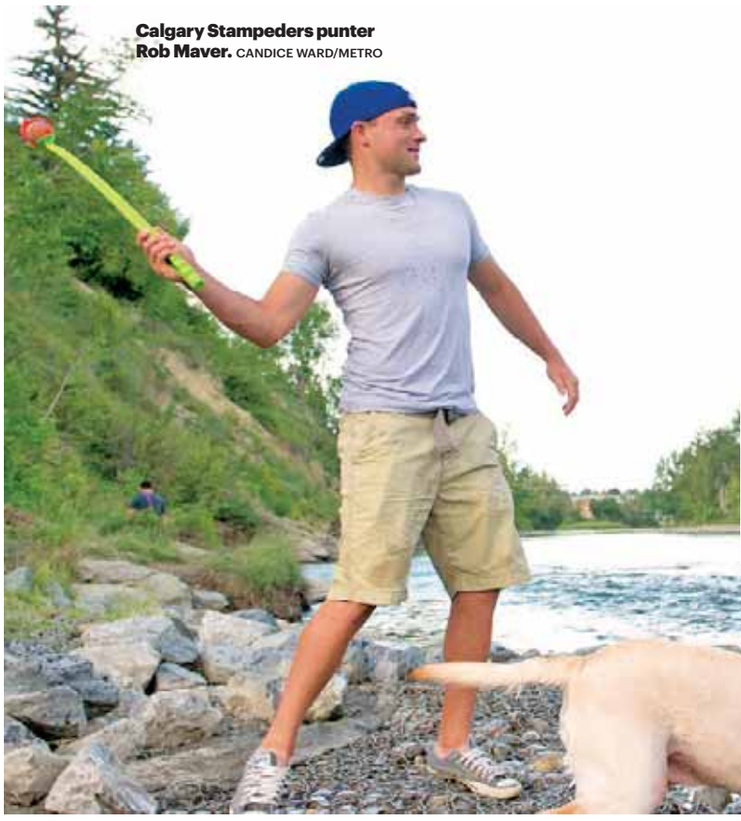

Calgary Stampeders punter Rob Maver. CANDICE WARD/METRO

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KICKIN' IT WITH ROB MAVER

Maver will face Hickman again Friday during the season-opener against the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

With an unforgettably terrible off-season behind him, Calgary Stampeders punter Rob Maver is heading into the 2015 season healthy and feels it might be his best yet. Maver talks with Metro about his new role as one of the Stampeders' captains and what he does to maintain life balance off the field.

Off-season

During the off-season, Maver endured a month-long flu, which started on the first day of his Mexican vacation. And he suffered a popped-out rib — the result of the Justin Hickman hit during the Grey Cup game — and a foot infection.

"Of the three, I would have to say the foot infection (was worst) because it was pretty close to camp and I had already started training on the field and I had to shut that down in a hurry," said Maver.

But now completely healthy, Maver says he's ready to hit the field for the 2015 season.

Captain Maver

This season, Maver received the honour of being voted in one of four Stampeders captains. Aside from winning the Grey Cup, he said, this is his career highlight.

"It's a tremendous honour, especially with the type of men we have in that room," said Maver. "I look forward to representing my teammates while doing whatever I can to maintain, and build upon, the winning culture our coaching staff and previous captains have established for our football team."

New rules

With new CFL rules affecting the kicking game this year, Maver says it will significantly change his game.

"Before I was able to hold onto the ball a lot longer to try and control my kicks a bit more — now it is getting rid of the ball a lot quicker and trying to do the same thing, so just working a little bit faster," said Maver.

Life off the field

When he's not on the field, Maver said he's happiest when spending time with his girlfriend and his dog Chase — preferably outdoors.

"I enjoy shorter trips, ones where I can just hop in the car with my girlfriend and dog and head somewhere nice for a day or weekend," said Maver. He also enjoys live music, cooking and creating drinks.

Chase and charity

Every man needs a best friend, and for Maver, it's his dog Chase. "I'm very passionate about animals," he said. "I'm trying to set up something right now with an animal shelter or a rescue centre where I'm looking to do some charity work to help out the animals."

The hit

What could have been a career-ending hit from Justin Hickman during the Grey Cup game left Maver with a concussion and rib problems, but no hard feelings — even though he knows he will never live that moment down.

"That's fine though because at the end of that game I was a champion. Be it a woozy, very sore one — but a champion nonetheless. I'll take it," said Maver.

"I reached out to him on Facebook after I saw the hit because the truth of the matter is that he could have made that hit a lot worse. He didn't really leave his feet, he did not accelerate into the hit, he hit me clean; it's not like he went for my head, he didn't throw his shoulder.

"The way that he hit me shows what type of player he is, otherwise, I might not be playing football right now."

QUICK Q&A

Favourite sport other than football to watch:
Either baseball live or world junior hockey.

If you weren't a Stampeder, what would you be doing?
I am trying to figure that out, but I'm leaning towards either police or fire.

One thing you love to talk about that no one ever asks you about:
My dog. I always tell people how Chase is doing, unprovoked.

Favourite Calgary hangout:
On the Elbow River on my Cadillac raft.

Shawna Southwick poses with her pup Riggs, hoping to hit the green and make it out past the "ruff." She already takes him on family ice fishing trips. JENNIFER FRIESEN/ FOR METRO

Canines welcome on the front nine

PET-FRIENDLY

Airdrie golf course allows dogs to join their owners

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Leave the caddie at home and leash up for golf season to do the front nine with your canine.

An Airdrie golf course is going to the dogs and becoming one of the province's first to offer select tee times to hit the green and go birdie hunting with your pooch.

Chris McNicol, director of operations at Woodside Golf Course, said one of the things he and the team were hearing was pet owners, exhausted after a day of swinging, were rushing home to walk their dogs.

"This gives you the opportunity to do it at the same time," McNicol said.

"Before people were going home, playing golf, tired and not having that opportunity or forgoing that opportunity for their pets," he said.

The idea came about a few years ago when one of the executives visited Europe for a conference and discovered around 50 per cent of courses were pet-friendly.

They saw it as a working model overseas and decided to do some research. The program launched at Woodside in June and is still in its early phases, but after a few test holes himself, McNicol said they are looking forward to keeping the model as a fixture going forward.

It's not a free-for-all by any means, McNicol added. Dogs must be leashed and behaved, but treats, water and clean-up bags are all provided.

Don't worry — for those who haven't invested in a collared shirt for their pets, dogs aren't required to dress up for the occasion.

> **"I think it's really interesting.**
> Shawna Southwick

Dog owner Shawna Southwick said she loves the idea of being able to bring her pal along on another of her activities. She already takes Riggs on family ice fishing trips.

"I think it's really interesting because typically, whenever I go somewhere, especially when I go outside and it's not a format where dogs are acceptable I always feel guilty," Southwick said.

"With the amount of walking you would do on a golf course, I think it's great."

McNicol said it's not just about getting dogs on the green, he said the golf course is looking to partner with adoption agencies, so they can help raise their profiles and maybe raise money for shelters in need.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Alberta tweaks greenhouse gas rules

The Alberta government has tweaked its greenhouse gas reduction rules now with a promise of a complete policy on reducing climate change-causing emissions a few months down the road.

"Some will argue that we aren't going far enough on these issues," NDP Environment Minister Shannon Phillips said Thursday. "I say to them we are serious about making progress.

"Some will argue we are moving too far and too fast. I say to them that more of the same would be the worst thing we could do for our energy economy and for the future of our province."

The new policy leaves intact the previous government's policy of taxing carbon based on production levels, often referred to as carbon intensity. That means even under Thursday's changes, the province's total emissions are unlikely to fall for years.

"It's very challenging to imagine absolute emissions peaking and coming down in the next five years," said Ed Whittingham of the clean energy think-tank the Pembina Institute, who was at the podium with Phillips.

Large emitters will now be expected to cut their emissions by 20 per cent per unit of production by 2017. That's significantly higher than the current expectation of 12 per cent. The cost of any emissions that exceed their allotment will double by 2017 to $30 a tonne.

That fine only applies to carbon dioxide releases over the allowed level. The real price of carbon emissions in Alberta will only rise to about $6, said Phillips, or between 30 and 45 cents per barrel of bitumen — far lower than what most economists believe is needed to drive absolute cuts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Alternative to drunk tanks

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Collaborative response to public intoxication

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

In the past, the obvious solution to intoxicated Calgarians roaming city streets has been incarceration in city drunk tanks.

But Alina Turner, a researcher with University of Calgary's School of Public Policy, said it doesn't have to be this way.

"Ultimately there are better responses to criminalizing public intoxication," she said.

Turner said sobering centres like Alpha House appear to offer a more effective solution to reducing individual harm than criminalizing public intoxication. And she has the numbers to prove it.

Conducted over 12 months from 2013 to 2014, her research found a 62.6 per cent decrease in the number of times Alpha House clients were hospitalized. Additionally, there was a 50 per cent decrease in use of emergency medical services, a 42.4 per cent decrease in emergency room visits, a 92.7-per-cent decrease in the number of days clients spent in jail, and a 70.8-per-cent decrease in the number of interactions with police.

Kathy Christiansen, executive director at Alpha House, said its program demonstrates how to handle public intoxication more effectively and offers individuals a safe space.

"We do so by responding to both the individuals' short and long-term needs and we focus on the vulnerability that intoxication places on individuals," she said.

> **"Ultimately there are better responses to criminalizing public intoxication"**
> Alina Turner

Christiansen said they "embrace a harm-reduction strategy" that leads to overall improvement of quality of life for those who use Alpha House.

"The report findings presented today confirm what we see daily at Alpha House," she said.

Christiansen said police often bring intoxicated people to their shelter as an alternative to incarceration in city cells.

"It is a very collaborative response," she said.

Cycle tracks are here; what's next?

GUEST COLUMN

Mike Morrison
Metro | Calgary

With the cycle track network officially in its pilot stage, and the results already looking good, I can't help but think what that means for our city.

If a few years ago, the idea of a cycle network seemed impossible, what other ideas have Calgarians shelved thinking that they wouldn't work?

Maybe it's time to revisit long abandoned ideas and maybe think of some new ones.

Now that bikes are allowed on Stephen Avenue, I'd love to see Downtown Calgary pilot a program that bans cars throughout the entire day and night, at least during the summer.

When it's warm out, the avenue is packed with thousands of people, but as soon as 6 p.m. rolls around, bikes and people are relegated to the sidewalks to allow for cars to take over. The fact of the matter is that it seems the only cars using it are cabs that drive down it so slowly looking for customers, it becomes a waste of an area that could be really, really great.

In the summer, 6 p.m. is way too early and the incoming cars all but kill the exciting energy that Stephen Avenue has worked hard to curate. Ban the cars and let's see what happens!

A few kilometres down the highway, our favourite mountain town of Banff is currently piloting a "woonerf," which is a Dutch term for "living street." The pilot sees Bear Street basically given over to pedestrians and cyclists, with cars being limited by giving them few places to park and reduced speeds.

> **Ban the cars and let's see what happens!**

Inglewood is now eyeing a similar project, but instead of a main road, they're looking at converting a laneway north of 8 Avenue. I think this is a great idea and I'd love to see more of the BRZs get on board. Without ever having taken an engineering class, I can see 16 Ave SW near Tompkins Park adopting a similar plan, same goes for Kensington Crescent NW in Kensington.

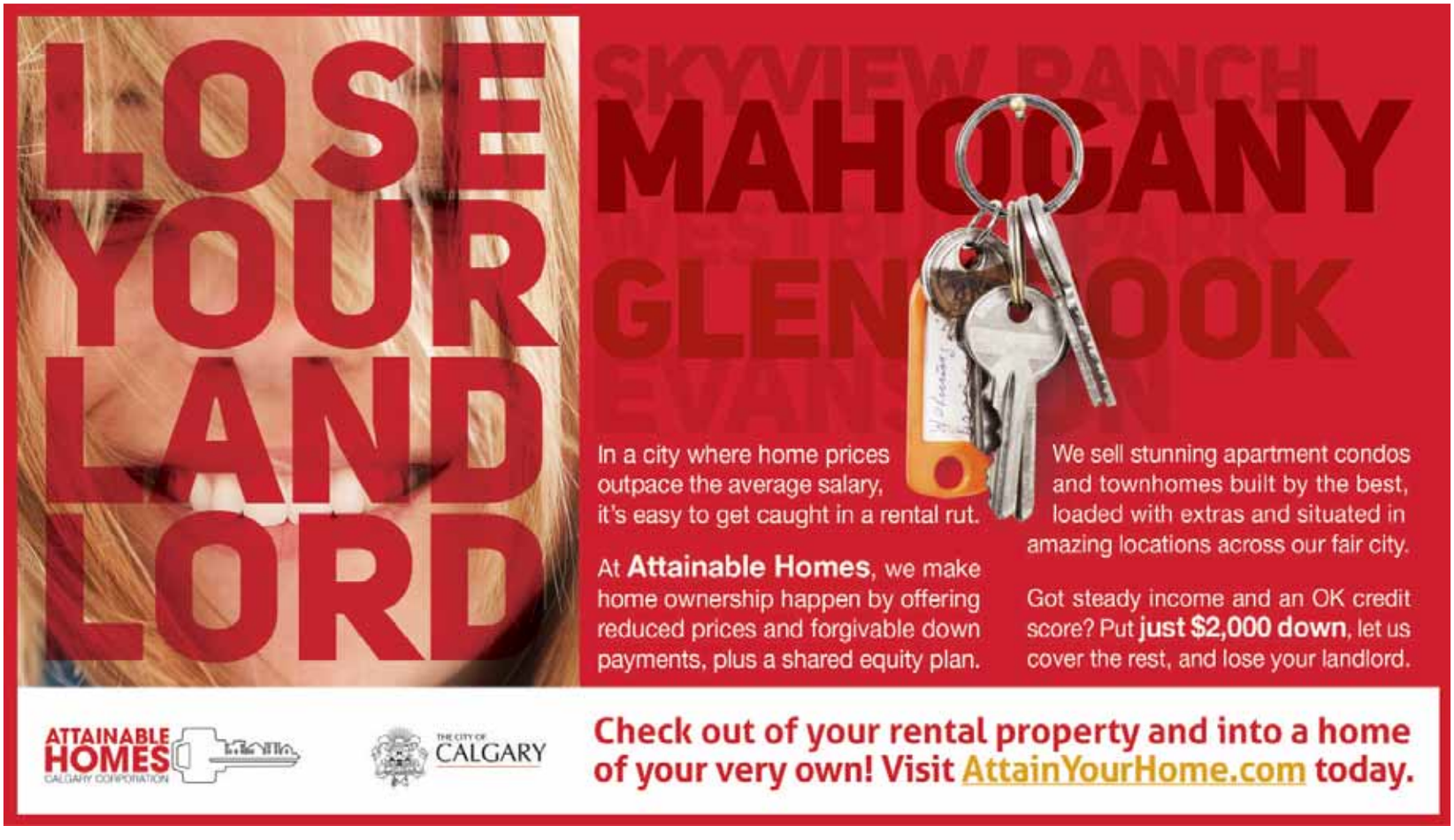
Then there's Eau Claire Market, which too should ban cars. But really the whole area is a mess. It seems like plans are announced every year and yet, still, nothing seems to be happening. I'd love to see the area become like Vancouver's Granville Island: A mix of permanent shops, and temporary markets, theatres, and an ocean. Although, I recognize the last one would be pretty impossible. But one should never underestimate Coun. Druh Farrell.

My other Calgary wish-list items include 24-hour transit, better access to the airport, bike-sharing programs, that gondola that city council was talking about years ago, better designed bus shelters and laneway housing, just to name a few.

What's exciting is that a few years ago, all of this would have seemed impossible. But there's been a palpable shift in Calgary and I can't wait to see what happens next.

Mike Morrison tweets from @mikesbloggity.

Now that we have cycle tracks, could a gondola — like this one seen in New York City — be next? METRO FILE



From left: Nicole Kelly Westman and Ryan Mathieson prepare for their collaborative performance piece called Singing Lands at the #1 Legion this Saturday; Jill Stanton's graphic novel scavenger hunt starts at the #1 Legion and snakes its way through downtown Calgary; A piece of visual art from ACAD instructor Justin Waddell's compilation project, The Longtime Sun, which he is showcasing this fall in single screenings. ANNA BROOKS/METRO; CONTRIBUTED

Look inside four days of visual art

FESTIVAL

Artists exhibit work through non-traditional means

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

There are a lot of things you wouldn't normally see in Calgary during Sled Island.

A platform for unconventionality, much of the visual art at the festival has been planned or worked on separately for months leading up to the four-day event.

Edmonton-based artist Jill Stanton has spent the last few months writing and illustrating a graphic novel called Scavenger, which she's evolved into a choose-your-own-adventure style installation.

Cutting out all 138 pages and temporarily sticking them to buildings downtown, Stanton has created a giant scavenger hunt leading readers to different narrative outcomes depending which path you pick.

Starting at the #1 Legion, viewers read the first six pages and then choose between two different addresses from which to continue the story.

"The idea is to have it be totally accessible," Stanton explained. "Not just people going to Sled Island — people at large in Calgary can interact and be included in the installation."

Justin Waddell, ACAD instructor and Sled Island visual artist, said unlike other festivals that tend to segregate music and art, Sled Island challenges artists to exhibit their work through non-traditional means.

"Interventions, performances and site-specific installations…those don't happen as often," Waddell said. "It gives artists this opportunity to make their work a lot more experimental."

Waddell is showing three single screenings excerpted from his project The Longtime Sun, a feature-length compilation of videos pulled off YouTube and other video-sharing websites.

"I'm more interested in making loose connections — it's a lot about synchronicity and things matching up," Waddell explained.

A performance-based visual artist and musician, Lisa Lipton is undertaking a multimedia performance of a travelling "docu-fiction" film she's been working on for the last two and a half years.

Incorporating a looped screening of the first five chapters of the film with live drumming performances and character re-enactments, Lipton's goal is to relay her work's narrative in two places at once — The New Gallery and the #1 Legion — Friday.

"I'm trying to tap into everything at the same time, which is incredibly challenging," Lipton said. "It's a bit of a reflection of contemporary social media and trying to be everywhere at once."

Nicole Kelly Westman and Ryan Mathieson are collaborating on a performance piece inspired by their time in the Singing Lands, a former gold mine and trading post in British Columbia near the mythical Centre of the Universe.

"Singing Lands toys with memory and place," the pair said. "The mysticism of the Centre of the Universe allowed us to extend beyond ourselves and into these new revolving roles of documenter and performer."

Performing at the #1 Legion Saturday, Westman and Mathieson use video, photography and performance to explore and extend beyond the limitations inherent in different forms of documentation.

MORE

- Artist Lisa Lipton's Sled Island performance Signed, Your Loving Secret Admirer I kicks off her month-long solo exhibition The Impossible Blue Rose hosted at The New Gallery.
- This fall, ACAD instructor Justin Waddell is screening the full-length version of his piece The Longtime Sun. Three 15-minute screenings of the compilation are being showcased at Sled Island.
- Artists Nicole Kelly Westman and Ryan Mathieson are doing a one-time performance piece called Singing Lands based on their exploration and interpretation of the former mining town in British Columbia.
- Edmonton-based artist Jill Stanton does a lot of work with temporary installations, and concocted her own gluten-free form of wheat-paste to use as a type of glue to hold up her work in public spaces.

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Mint puts bull in bullion

ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

Stampede honoured with silver coin

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Embossed with the iconic Stampede-esque image of a bull rider leaping though a cloud of dust, the latest Royal Canadian Mint silver coin is distinctly Calgarian.

On Thursday afternoon, distributors Silver Gold Bull unveiled their new half-ounce silver coin at the Stampede grounds, honouring of the Calgary Stampede.

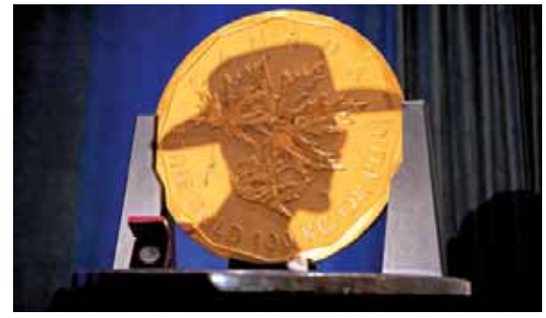
"There are so many firsts here today," said Alex Reeves with the Royal Canadian Mint. "Putting a raging bull and a cowboy on a coin is definitely a first. There are so many things that are interesting and fun about the Stampede that it was just naturally appealing."

The silver bullion coin was designed by Canadian artist Steve Hepburn, the same artist who designed the commemorative coin for the Calgary Stampede's centennial in 2012.

Worth $2 at face value, the coin retails for roughly $15, but being 99.99 per cent pure silver, the value fluctuates based on the global silver price. Over 100,000 coins have already been produced, but Reeves said they're produced based on the demand.

Bill Gray, president and CEO of the Calgary Stampede, said it was a "great honour" to have the new coin capture the Stampede's 103-year history.

"It's truly an honour to see the spirit of the Stampede, the Stampede Rodeo — and in particular the bull riding fans — immortalized in silver," said Gray.



The shadow of Bill Gray, president and chairman of the Calgary Stampede, falls across the Royal Canadian Mint's new Calgary Stampede silver bullion coin and the 100-kilogram pure gold "million dollar coin." JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

PRIDE

Chu proposes new rainbow crosswalk

Instead of painting four rainbow crosswalks at a busy Beltline intersection, Coun. Sean Chu is now calling for one big, multi-coloured crosswalk at a prominent location in front of city hall.

The Ward 4 councillor plans to introduce a motion at Monday's council meeting that would see the large crosswalk connecting the Calgary Municipal Building and Olympic Plaza across 1 Street SE at 8 Avenue painted in rainbow colours, as a symbol of inclusiveness and pride in the LGBTQ community.

If approved, Chu hopes to see the colourful crosswalk created two weeks prior to the Calgary Pride Parade, set for Sept. 6.

Earlier this month, Chu revealed plans to have the city paint rainbow crosswalks at the intersection of 17 Avenue and 4 Street SW, but said he was open to suggestions of other locations.

After taking some criticism for unilaterally announcing the plans without consulting either parade organizers or Evan Woolley, the councillor who represents the initial Beltline intersection proposed, Chu changed course and involved Pride Calgary.

After meeting with Chu, Pride Calgary president Stephen Wright described the rainbow crosswalk plan as a "great idea" and said his organization could come up with the money to make it happen through sponsorships and donations.

As part of his motion, Chu is also calling for the city to allow privately purchased rainbow flags to be installed along the 9 Avenue South parade route.

"It would only add to the character and the culture of the city," Chu said of the flags.

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Coun. Sean Chu METRO FILE

IN BRIEF

Car plows through garage

Calgary Fire Department were called to a backyard Thursday morning where a man had lost control of his vehicle, driven through a garage and hit a nearby tree in the backyard.

On arrival at approximately 8:40 that morning at Lake Lucerne Drive SE, Firefighters removed the man from the vehicle, where AHS crews were waiting to transfer him to a nearby hospital.

Firefighters from the Heavy Rescue crew added supports to the garage to ensure it remains stable until it can be repaired.

Calgary Police Service officers are investigating the cause of the collision.

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Lougheed House hosts 1920s fashion exhibit

DARING DECO

Roaring '20s wardrobe a snapshot of another era

Lisa Wilton
For Metro | Calgary

The 1920s were a time of profound cultural changes in Alberta and elsewhere.

And these shifts were often reflected in fashion, particularly women's fashions.

Calgary's Lougheed House is revisiting the styles and times of the Roaring '20s with its latest exhibit, Daring Deco – 1920s Women's Fashion.

"Designers were really influenced by what was going on in the day-to-day lives of people," explained Lougheed House and Daring Deco curator, Trisha Carleton.

"In the 1920s, we start to see themes of movement with flapper dresses, short hemlines, no sleeves and really shapeless, which allowed freedom of movement, primarily for dancing. As well, more women were entering into sports. They needed clothes that were less constricting, looser and lighter."

The exhibit, which runs through Oct. 11 at the historic Beltline mansion, features more than 50 fashion objects borrowed from the textile collections of the Royal Alberta Museum, Glenbow Library and Archives, the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery and the Lougheed House.

Glittery purses, fringed shawls, embroidered shoes, unique hairpieces and hand-sewn dresses are among the objects on display.

> **Designers were really influenced by what was going on in the day-to-day lives of people.**
> Deco curator Trisha Carleton

"We were looking for items that represented certain '20s themes and that were stable enough to transport and put on display," Carleton said.

"We also wanted to pick some that had interesting stories."

One story that caught Carleton's attention was that of a young Edmonton office worker named Dewie Lewis.

Lewis was working as a comptometer operator at Imperial Oil during the mid 1920s. Though she didn't make a substantial wage, she still shelled out an enormous (for the time) $75 to buy a fancy green flapper dress from Paris.

"Dewie paid in installments. Every week when she got paid from work, she would go by the store where she ordered it and give them $5 until it was paid down," Carleton said.

"We think she also shared the dress with her friend (and fellow Alberta College student) Fairy McDougall."

Carleton also pointed out a dress owned by one of Alberta's first female MLAs, Irene Parlby.

BACKGROUND

Exhibit info

The Lougheed House is located at 707 – 13 Avenue SW and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this weekend. Admission is $8.50 for adults, $6.50 for students/seniors, $5 for children ages 6 to 12 and $25 for families.

The black velvet and lace evening dress was worn in 1930 when Parlby went to the League of Nations as a Canadian ambassador.

"We tried to keep the exhibition very local and Albertan," Carleton said, adding that this is a rare opportunity for Calgarians to see 1920s dresses and accessories out on display.

"There was a lot of use of silk then and silk doesn't preserve well," she says.

"It's amazing these dresses are in the condition they're in and we can display them. They don't often come out of museum storage … It's an experience."

Curator Trisha Carleton and summer student Adrienne Dewsberry putting a blue silk dress onto a mount for display at the Lougheed House's new exhibit, Daring Deco.
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Amy Bugg to play set at Sled Island festival

BACKSTAGE PASS

Comedian will be at the Theatre Junction Friday

Lisa Wilton
Metro | Calgary

In two years, Amy Bugg has positioned herself as one of Calgary's best up-and-coming comedic talents. Although she'd always wanted to try comedy, it wasn't until a film student friend approached Bugg about doing a documentary on her first stand-up set that she finally got the nerve to do it.

"I agreed six months in advance and then when the time finally came around, I couldn't back out or I would have sent her academic career into a death spiral," Bugg explains.

Comedian Amy Bugg will be performing Friday at the Theatre Junction GRAND Studio. CONTRIBUTED.

The comedian performs Friday at the Theatre Junction GRAND Studio as part of the Sled Island Music & Arts Festival.

Your father didn't want you to pursue comedy. Has he warmed up to the idea? What does he think of your stand-up set?

(Laughs) "I believe his issues are with stand-up as a career choice. He doesn't mind me doing it as a hobby just so long as I remain an accountant and never become poor.

Poor people can't buy their fathers premium retirement living.

Calgary's comedy scene seems really healthy at the moment. Why does stand-up and improv comedy do so well here?

I think Calgary fosters a great arts scene. The combination of lots of people being excited to go see live performance and great performers has created a great environment for comedy shows.

How do make your routine stand out from the rest? Is that something you even think about?

I usually stand out simply because I got lucky in the genetic lottery. Being a soft-spoken lady makes me a pretty rare appearance at comedy open mics. What I am mostly concerned with is that my act comes across in my voice. Really great stand-up acts have a way of telling jokes that makes their own individual personality come across.

Their acts appear more conversational than rehearsed.

Best Bets

LISA WILTON/METRO

1 OUTDOOR PLAYS

Friday — Shakespeare by the Bow

Prince's Island Park provides the backdrop for Theatre Calgary's annual outdoor Shakespeare production.

Recent grads of universities and drama schools across Alberta will perform the Bard's magical play, The Tempest, considered one of Shakespeare's finest works. TheatreCalgary.com

2 PUNK AT A PIZZA PLACE

Saturday — Sled Island at Olympic Plaza

Though most of the Sled Island Music & Arts Festival takes place indoors at various venues around town, the outdoor portion at Olympic Plaza features some of its biggest draws.

The chance to see legendary New York post-punk band Television, San Diego hardcore group Drive By Jehu and hot Calgary indie rock quartet Viet Cong is definitely worth the price of a wristband. SledIsland.com

3 GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

Saturday — Canadian Rockies International Rodeo & Music Festival

The Alberta Rockies Gay Rodeo Association is the largest association of its kind in the world.

Its signature event, the Canadian Rockies International Rodeo, is now in its 21st year and attracts hundreds of competitors and guests from around the world to Strathmore.

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Reaching the person, not the sex 'product'

Continued from front page:

After the conversation has wrapped, the officer passes Sara her cellphone number and encourages her to call if she has any questions about support, ways to get out of the industry — or even just to talk.

Then a second officer photographs Sara, focusing on her visible tattoos. Sara, who said her safety is a priority while working, even points out a small tattoo officers had missed, telling them it's the Chinese symbol for beauty.

While caught off guard by the operation — just over an hour earlier Sara left her place thinking she would be meeting a client for a typical date — she feels what the Calgary Police Service (CPS) is trying to do is important.

"It was definitely unexpected," she said. "I mean it's definitely a good cause because girls' lives do matter."

One of the officers conducting the interviews was Det. Adena Warren.

Warren, who has worked with the Vice Unit since September 2014, said there are many factors that can lead a person to involvement in the sex industry and, once a person is in, things like addictions, financial hardship and fear of violence can make it nearly impossible to get out.

She hopes this kind of police contact will help break the cycle.

"It's not good," she said. "Especially if they're under the control of a pimp who will move them from city to city. They're here for a few days, then they'll go to another city, and all they're doing is working."

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Number of minors who have been apprehended by CPS under the Protection of Sexually Exploited Children's Act in 2015, detectives say.

> **Some people say it's the oldest profession, but it's more likely the oldest oppression.**
> Det. Adena Warren

Warren said the women are treated as "a product."

Warren explained that while the CPS don't arrest sex workers who are of age during these operations, they will apprehend minors under the Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act and work with social agencies to try to help them get out of the industry.

Det. Paul Rubner has been on at least 30 of these operations and believes they're having a positive impact.

"Success is really hard to quantify," he said. "I think just the fact that we made contact with a sex-trade worker who knows that the police aren't always there to jack her up or cause her difficulty, but in this case, we want to help — that's a positive."

Although there are a number of support agencies in Calgary, Rubner said that, just as with drug addiction, the decision to seek help has to come from the individual.

"There are a number of agencies and a number of programs available to help them with their addictions," he said. "But very often they won't accept help ... unless they've reached their rock bottom, and this is very much the same."

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

In order to avoid privacy issues and protect the integrity of CPS tactical operations, a copy of this story was viewed by the Calgary Police Service prior to publication. Nothing in the story was changed.

A member of the Calgary police vice unit looks through online ads for sex workers during a recent sting aimed at helping women leave the industry. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

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'GoHere' launched by Crohn's and Colitis Canada

For many people, when nature calls, it means RIGHT NOW.

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Fortunately, there is now a solution to those urgent calls of nature: a Smartphone app called GoHere. Launched in Calgary Thursday morning by Crohn's and Colitis Canada GoHere maps out all nearby available washrooms for those who need to know where to go, before it is too late.

"With an app like this people can have peace of mind knowing there are washrooms they will have access to at any given moment," said C.K. DesGrosseilliers, spokesperson for Crohn's and Colitis Canada.

GoHere works in conjunction with storefront decals that notify people when a business has made their bathroom available no questions asked.

DesGrosseilliers said that urgent calls of nature are not a problem that is singular to Crohn's and Colitis, but also affects people who are undergoing chemotherapy, who are pregnant or have other medical conditions.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi expressed his support for the program and encouraged businesses to sign up in a release stating that the app continues to make Calgary "an inclusive society," and "ensures our community remains welcoming to all."

Crohn's and Colitis Canada is working to expand the app nationally over the coming months.

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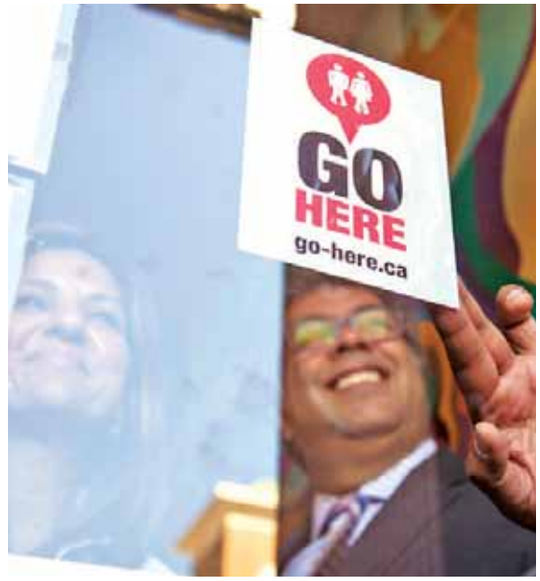

Mina Mawani, President & CEO of Crohn's and Colitis Canada, and Naheed Nenshi at Oolong Tea House. JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

POLICE

Calgary eyeing new arrest unit in Spyhill

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Calgary police and city councillors met behind closed doors Thursday to discuss building a new arrest processing unit in the northwest to replace the aging downtown facility officers use now.

Few details were made public other than the title of the report, which describes proposed "approval of funding" and provides an address, 11808 85 St. NW, which is the address of the current Calgary Correctional Centre.

The area, known as Spyhill, also contains a fair bit of undeveloped land.

After the private session, the topic was mentioned briefly during a subsequent, public portion of the city's land and asset strategy committee meeting Thursday. "We just had a standalone Spyhill arrest processing unit come before us here," Coun. Evan Woolley said during discussion of a separate item.

Police have long been saying the downtown arrest processing unit, which was temporarily rendered out of commission by the June 2013 flood, is out of date and needs replacing.

IN BRIEF

Police seize guns in $30,000 drug bust

Three people have been arrested and are a total of facing 29 charges after Calgary's integrated Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) found stolen handguns and drugs in a downtown apartment and Erin Woods home.

After a drug trafficking investigation, a team consisting of Calgary Police and RCMP members seized a Smith and Wesson handgun and Colt Gold Cup Trophy .45 handgun along with $30,000 worth of cocaine and pills. Jeffrey McDonald, 22, Michael Oria, 19, and Ashleigh Aguilar, 21, all from Calgary, were charged with drug and gun offences. METRO

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A volunteer at a City of Calgary demonstration on Thursday looks panicked as his canoe teeters on Lake Bonavista.
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Remember to wear a life jacket

SAFETY

Residents who go without face a hefty fine, police warn

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

Thousands of Calgarians will be looking for a reprieve from the warm weather this weekend, but city officials are asking them to take caution before heading out on the water.

At Lake Bonavista on Thursday, volunteers from Calgary's recreation department demonstrated how a boat could tip in a matter of seconds, leaving no time to make a lunge for a life jacket.

"There is no availability to be able to put on a life jacket at the time and things can happen very, very quickly," said Acting Deputy Chief Mark Turik, noting even the strongest swimmers could be challenged after being thrown from a boat.

Under the City of Calgary's water safety bylaw, residents are required to wear a life jacket if they're on, in or holding on to any vessel on the water in Calgary.

Those violating the bylaw are subject to a fine up to $500, but Acting Insp. Kyle Grant with the Calgary police said they prefer to educate before issuing a ticket.

"For the marine unit, when they're out there we like to talk about education, we like to engage with people who are on the water and we'll give warnings," he said, calling enforcement a "last resort."

Grant said city police feel the message around life jackets is getting through, as more Calgarians are wearing the life-saving apparatuses. He noted residents should resist the temptation to take them off to get a better shot at the sun.

"They don't really realize what the danger is if they should fall in," he said. "Especially on a river when you have the current and you don't know what's underneath the water."

MORE LOCAL NEWS ONLINE

MOTION

Councillor wants end to late meetings

Calgary could save as much as $9,400 every two weeks — not to mention a lot of frustration for all involved — if city council changed its meeting schedule to avoid dragging on late into the night, according to one city councillor.

Every second Monday, the mayor and city councillors convene for a regular meeting but rarely, lately, do the proceedings wrap up in a single day.

Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. and routinely continue until 9 p.m. or even later, before council adjourns for the night and picks things back up again around 1 p.m. on Tuesdays.

But Coun. Peter Demong wants to change that routine so that council meetings would run from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays and then again during the same hours on Tuesdays, if necessary.

The shift could save as much as $6,900 in overtime costs and $2,500 in other "incidental costs" per meeting, according to a notice of motion Demong has drafted.

It could also prevent council members — who get noticeably testier as the evenings drag on — from making decisions when they're not at their mental, physical and emotional best.

"We all do long, long days. Nobody has a problem with that," Demong said. "But when you're making critical decisions, the idea of making that 12th-hour decision at 9:30 or 9:45 p.m. strikes me as less than optimum."

If council approves the idea, it wouldn't take effect until 2016 at the earliest, given that the 2015 meeting schedule is already set.

Demong plans to introduce his motion at the next city council meeting on Monday — or possibly Tuesday, depending on how long it runs.

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Former Conservative MP gets jail time for campaign fraud

ELECTION LAW

Del Mastro to serve 1-month term, can't run for office

A former member of Parliament who spoke for Prime Minister Stephen Harper when it came to electoral-fraud allegations was sentenced Thursday to one month in jail and barred from running for office for five years for cheating during an election campaign.

Dean Del Mastro deliberately broke spending rules then tried to cover up his crime, said Superior Court Justice Lisa Cameron, who ruled that incarceration was appropriate for the first-time offender.

"He was prepared not only to break the rules but to be deceitful about it," Cameron said.

Disgraced former Conservative politician Dean Del Mastro, 44, accompanied by his wife Kelly, speaks to reporters outside court in Peterborough, Ont., on Thursday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"This type of cheating and lying will result in serious sanctions."

Cameron convicted the former Conservative MP for Peterborough last fall of violating the Canada Elections Act during the 2008 federal election.

She found he had knowingly exceeded spending limits, failed to report a personal contribution of $21,000 to his campaign, and submitted a falsified document.

Del Mastro, 44, has already filed an appeal of the conviction and was to apply for bail at a hearing Friday.

He was led away for processing before being taken to a jail in nearby Lindsay.

Once Harper's point man defending the Tories against allegations of electoral fraud, Del Mastro has maintained his innocence and once called the verdict the judge's opinion.

Del Mastro resigned his Peterborough seat in the House of Commons, where he had been sitting as an Independent since being charged, shortly after his conviction.

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Lobby has PM's back

FUNDRAISING

HarperPAC to offset groups who lean left

It's hardly a surprise to see political organizers on the right side of the political spectrum pushing back against union-financed third-party groups on the left, says a former adviser to Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Tom Flanagan, a retired University of Calgary political science professor, said he's hopeful that HarperPAC, the newest entry, will help to offset the pre-writ advertising efforts of its left-leaning counterparts.

"I think it is a matter of self-preservation for the Conservatives to be able to fight back," Flanagan said Wednesday.

HarperPAC, the brainchild of a team of Conservatives, launched earlier this week with an appeal for help from politically-minded Canadians who support Conservative values.

Stephen Harper. CLEMENT ALLARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former chief electoral officer Jean-Pierre Kingsley fears Canada is going down a path similar to the U.S., where political action committees, or PACs, raise untold amounts of money to influence political outcomes.

Flanagan said he doesn't believe that PACs in Canada will ever reach the scales they have in the U.S.

Their Canadian counterparts "aren't going to get big bucks," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Complaints about English result in online threats

The mayor of a predominantly francophone city near Montreal says she won't be bullied after receiving threats over online comments she made about an opposition politician using English during council meetings.

Caroline St-Hilaire posted on Facebook Thursday that she's received more than 800 Facebook comments related to a June 23 post complaining about the use of English during Longueuil council meetings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New baby girl was part of takeout at restaurant

A restaurant manager in Saskatoon delivered more than just food after a customer went into labour.

Staff at Montana's say a couple came into the eatery Wednesday night to pick up a takeout order and the woman went into labour. The manager on duty helped deliver a baby girl. The couple says they are probably going to name the baby Montana. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Carl Holst, Sales Manager of Stampede Toyota, just announced plans to hold a One dollar used car and truck sales event Taking **Place** only on **Saturday June 27, 2015.** According to Mr. Holst record sales from the last few months have resulted in an overstock of trade-ins. "In the last three months our sales have increased at a tremendous rate", Holst said. "Now, we must reduce the number of cars and trucks on our used lot to a more manageable number. During this $1 sale every used car and truck will be sold for hundreds or thousands below its original price." Mr. Holst said. "In fact, cars that normally sell for five to eight thousand dollars will be sold for three to five thousand," Mr. Holst said. "Our customers will find these prices even lower than at wholesale auctions." Auction bidding often inflates the true value of a car so you pay more. Here every car is on sale, first come first served and no bidding. It's the perfect opportunity to get a good quality used car at the lowest price possible, including cars for only One dollar. **All cars will be on display at Stampede Toyota on Barlow Trail, 2 blocks North of the Trans Canada Highway.** At 7:30 am all vehicles will be opened so that buyers may inspect the vehicles for one hour before the sale begins at 8:30 am when the prices are posted on the windshield you will be given the first opportunity to purchase the vehicle at the sale price. This innovative approach to selling used vehicles will make it easy and quick for anybody in the market for a good used vehicle to get a great car or truck at a very low price with no hassle.

One of Calgary's largest Toyota certified used vehicle dealers is overstocked and is forced to sell used cars and trucks for as low as $1, Saturday June 27, 2015 during a one-day sale event.

"Wholesale buyers will be represented to take trade-ins during the sale," Mr. Holst said. "We also have three business managers who will help buyers arrange low-cost financing. We've got over $10 Million Dollars in inventory to choose from. Our total inventory will be close to 600 new and used cars and trucks. We want to remind everyone that this is a **one-day sale only.** When our inventory has been reduced, we will remove the sale prices and return to normal operations. Since we are a local business we would like to give back to the community," Mr. Holst said. "We would rather allow local people to buy these overstocked vehicles than wholesale them at an auction." All cars will be reduced every hour and there will be 12 cars that will be reduced every hour until they get to $1. These special $1 sale cars are in a separate section at the front of the dealership. Due to the volume of sales during this event, please no telephone inquiries.

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B.C. homeless man turns down $5,000

EMPLOYMENT

Donations raised after he turned in $2K

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A homeless man who captured the hearts of thousands when he found more than $2,000 on a suburban street in Victoria and turned it into police says he won't accept thousands of dollars raised in his name.

The Good Samaritan, who police said doesn't want to be identified, said he wants the nearly $5,000 in donations collected for him from people across Canada to instead go toward others in need. His only wish is to get help finding a job, police said.

Const. Alex Bérubé of West Shore RCMP, who took a special interest in the case, said he spent hours tracking down the man to tell him about the community fundraising effort underway to help support him.

"It's not easy tracking down a person of no fixed address and no phone," Bérubé said in a news release. "But I kept trying because I needed to tell him about how the community had rallied together to help him."

When he finally found him, Bérubé said he was surprised to hear the man ask for the funds to be donated to Our Place, a local community centre that helps the most vulnerable, and other food service providers for people in need.

Police asked the man to think about his decision overnight but when he returned to the detachment the next day, he stuck to his original request and put it in writing.

The mystery man first made headlines last week when police praised him for his honesty for turning in the large sum of cash he found stuffed in a suitcase on a street in the Victoria suburb of Langford because it was the "right thing to do."

A photo of a letter a Victoria man wrote asking for funds raised for him to go to charity instead. COURTESY WEST SHORE RCMP

Mike Kelly, founder of the media website Victoria Buzz, who was moved by the man's selflessness and started the fundraising effort, said he will ensure the funds are donated to Our Place and other appropriate groups and is spearheading efforts to help find the man work.

"I'm going to do everything I can to help find him a job that fits his personal situation, and will hopefully move him closer to overcoming his current challenges."

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LABOUR SPENDING

Tory senators seek to pass thorny bill

If at first you don't succeed, change the rules of the game.

That's the principle Conservatives seem to have adopted in the Senate as they try to force passage of a controversial bill that would require labour unions to publicly disclose how they spend their money.

Bill C-377 has been stalled for days as Liberal senators conduct a filibuster they're prepared to continue, if necessary, until Parliament is dissolved for this fall's election, thereby killing the legislation.

But on Thursday, the government's deputy leader in the Senate, Yonah Martin, gave notice of a motion aimed at cutting off debate and forcing a final vote on the bill, likely early next week.

However, Senate rules allow the government to limit debate only on government business, not on private member's bills such as the union disclosure bill.

Martin tried a similar move just two years ago - to cut off debate on the proposed suspensions of disgraced senators Mike Duffy, Pamela Wallin and Patrick Brazeau - and was slapped down by Noel Kinsella, then Senate Speaker.

"To allow a process that could result in the application of the government's time allocation powers to non-government business is not in keeping with the current rules and practices," Kinsella ruled.

Acceding to the government's bid to expand its debate-limiting powers would "distort the basic structure of Senate business" and have "profound effects on how the Senate works in future," he added.

In the wake of that ruling, the Conservatives last fall proposed changing the rules to allow the governing party to cut short debate on private member's business. But the proposal was allowed to languish so nothing has changed since Kinsella's ruling.

Martin's motion to cut short debate on C-377, a private member's bill sponsored by Conservative backbencher Russ Hiebert and strongly backed by the Prime Minister's Office, is to be considered Friday.

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Filmmakers sue over N.Y. subway ads

Muslim comic Dean Obeidallah at a news conference in New York City on June 25. BEBETO MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK

Promotion for film showing Muslims as regular people

Two Muslim filmmakers have filed a lawsuit against the operator of New York subways claiming the agency rejected their advertisements under a rule that prohibits disputed political views. They argue the ads have nothing to do with politics.

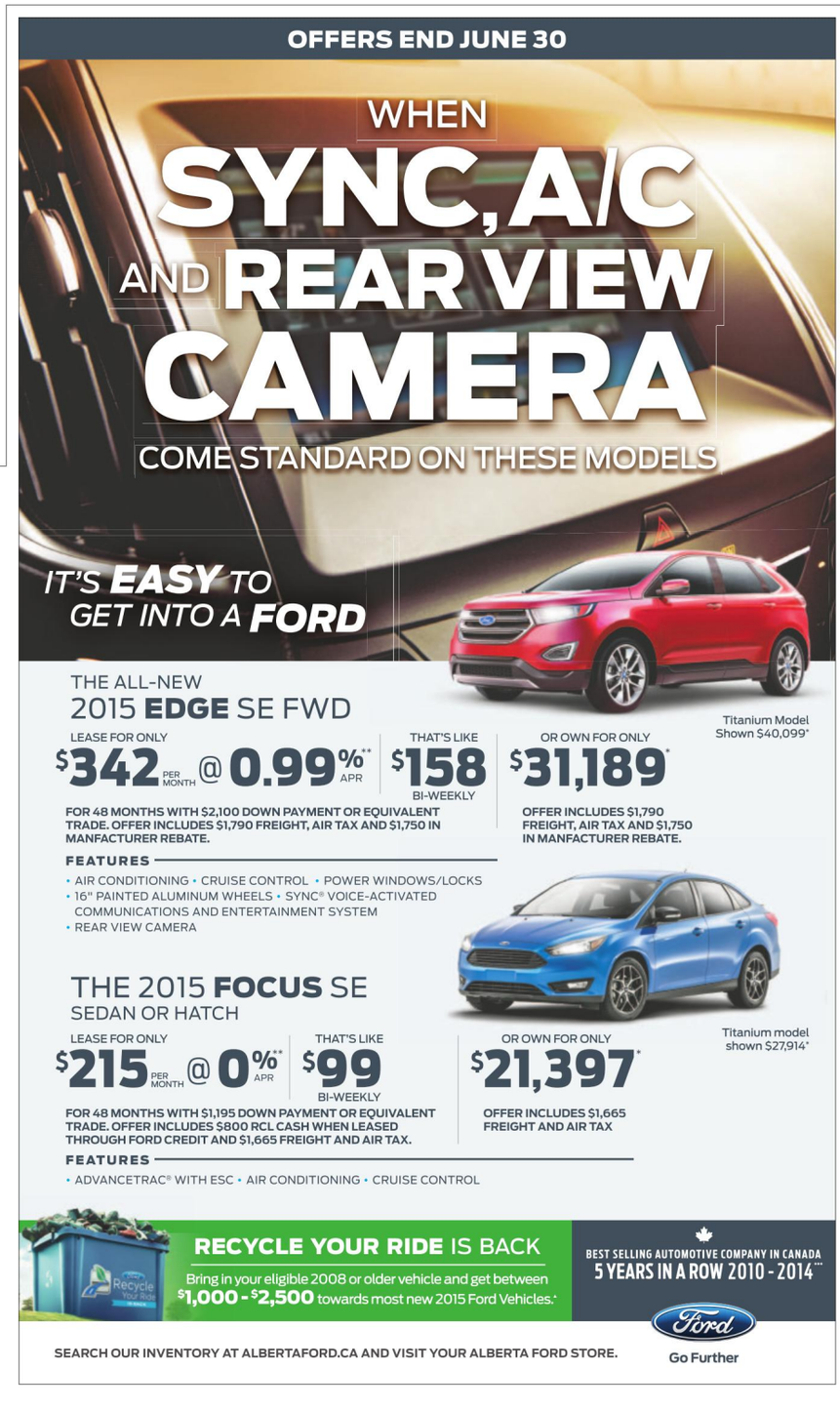
In a lawsuit filed Thursday in Manhattan federal court, Negin Farsad and Dean Obeidallah claim the Metropolitan Transportation Authority is violating their First Amendment right to free speech. The two created the advertisements to help promote their 2013 film, "The Muslims Are Coming." They say the overall message of both the ads and the film is "that American Muslims are ordinary people."

Farsad and Obeidallah said they paid the MTA nearly $15,000 to run the ads, which they were told would be put up in 140 subway stations in April. When the ads didn't go up on the scheduled date, they called the MTA but didn't hear back for several days — until they were told the ads would violate a policy that went into effect in the interim, which bans ads that are "political in nature."

Glenn Katon, their attorney with the civil rights group Muslim Advocates, said the two "had a constitutional right to post the ads under the old policy."

MTA spokesman Adam Lisberg said the agency had not yet been served with the lawsuit.

The ads include, among others, the phrases: "The Ugly Truth About Muslims: Muslims have great frittata recipes" and "Muslims! They invented coffee, the toothbrush and algebra... Oh wait, sorry about the algebra. That's a year of class you'll never get back." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Bootleg booze and pork amid Saudi revelations

WIKILEAKS

Leaks include the passport number of Hillary Clinton

WikiLeaks' publication of more than 60,000 Saudi documents has set pens racing across the Middle East with disclosures about the secretive Arab monarchy's foreign affairs. But lost amid the torrent of revelations are offbeat memos showing the underbelly of Riyadh's diplomacy, including candid accounts of booze runs and pork smuggling.

Among the revelations you may have missed:

It's illegal to drink, sell or possess alcohol in Saudi Arabia, which follows an ultraconservative interpretation of Islamic law, but foreign embassy staffers took advantage of their diplomatic immunity to go on liquor runs to neighbouring Bahrain, where the sale of alcohol is legal.

Memos published by WikiLeaks describe their unsuccessful attempts to sneak the booze into the kingdom in amusing detail.

On Jan. 18, 2013, Saudi customs officials stopped a Mexican diplomat driving back from Bahrain with "several big suitcases" in his car trunk containing no fewer than 102 bottles of whisky and 48 cans of beer, according to one undated memo. On Feb. 2, 2012 an Azeri diplomat was stopped at customs with 28 bottles of whisky hidden in socks inside his car.

That same day, customs officials stopped an Italian diplomat whose car had a taped-up hole cut into the back seat, according to two other Saudi memos.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in a press conference with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, March 31, 2012. BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Diplomats also sought to skirt Islam's prohibition of pork. A March 17, 2012 memo describes a Chinese diplomat's attempt to sneak 30 kilograms of ham into the kingdom in the trunk of his car.

It comes as no surprise that Sunni Saudi Arabia, which views Shiite Iran as its greatest regional rival, would take an interest in the spread of Shiite Islam. But some observations go into a startling level of minutiae.

Saudi diplomats are careful to estimate, for example, how many Eritrean students are studying abroad in Iran (40) and the number of Shiite Muslims in Mauritania (50,000). They were also concerned when a public debate was held between Shiite and Sunni Muslims near the Philippines' Al-Dahab mosque in Manila. Even though Shiites make up less than 1 per cent of the Muslim population in the Philippines, a memo dated Feb. 4, 2010 appears to express alarm that the religious minority's message "managed to get out of its secretive circle to the public."

"It is obsessive," said Toby Matthiesen, the author of a book about religious politics in Gulf Arab states and a research fellow at the University of Cambridge. "It proves the theory that Saudi foreign policy is at least in part sectarian and seeks to contain Shiism and not just Iran."

Among the torrent of private information leaked by the website is Hillary Rodham Clinton's passport number, included in a memo concerning a March 2012 visit to the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh.

WikiLeaks' trove of Saudi diplomatic documents includes a large amount of bureaucratic documentation and sensitive personal information, including sick leave reports, death certificates and hospital records.

One document included in the haul details a 17-year-old's treatment for life-threatening medical problems. Another is a report describing severe leg injuries suffered by a 24-year-old at King Khalid Hospital in northeastern Saudi Arabia. A third describes the proposed treatment for a child with encephalopathy in the Czech Republic.

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BACKGROUND

Riyadah likes leaks — as long as they are not Saudi

A memo addressed to a senior diplomat in 2011, several weeks after WikiLeaks released thousands of U.S. State Department cables, suggests the Saudis sifted through the American documents and read them too.

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FRANCE

Trial on for baby killings

A French woman went on trial Thursday accused of suffocating eight of her newborns, after she told investigators that she feared they were children of a long, incestuous relationship with her father.

Dominique Cottrez, 51, stands accused of multiple counts of first-degree murder of minors. She faces life in prison if found guilty by a jury in the northern city of Douai.

The worst infanticide case in modern French history stunned the country when the bodies were discovered in and around the Cottrez' village home in 2010.

Cottrez, who has two grown daughters, told investigators that over more than a decade, she carried several babies to term and then killed them. Cottrez' obesity appeared to hide the pregnancies, which went unnoticed by her husband, children, neighbours, colleagues and even doctors at a nearby hospital.

A withdrawn, secretive nurse's aide, Cottrez told investigators she was raped by her father, first when she was eight and repeatedly through her childhood and teenage years, according to judicial documents. She later entered a long, incestuous relationship with him as an adult, including after she married, and said that it became consenting — and even said she was in love with her father more than she was with her husband.

Her father died in 2007.

One of the first witnesses called to the stand Thursday is Leonard Meriaux, who bought the Cottrez family house and discovered the first corpse in the garden in 2010. He called police, who found another in the garden and six more in the garage of the house.

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Mom, baby found in jungle

COLOMBIA

Rescuers find survivors four days after plane crash

A woman who survived a plane crash with her months-old baby, drinking water to stay alive, was finally rescued after four days lost in the jungle, Colombia's air force and rescuers said.

Maria Nelly Murillo and her child were aboard a twin-engine Cessna that crashed Saturday in a remote area of western Colombia shortly after taking flight from the city of Quibdo, the air force said.

The pilot was killed, but rescuers said a heavy load of fresh fish in the cabin absorbed much of the crash impact, allowing Murillo and her son to survive against the odds.

She forced open the cabin door and climbed a hill to get away from the air craft, which she feared might explode, the air force reported.

Apparently disoriented, she wandered in the jungle carrying her child, surviving on coconut water and trying unsuccessfully to trap rodents for food, said Acisclo Renteria, the Red Cross volunteer who eventually found her, speaking to The Associated Press from Quibdo.

A Colombian Red Cross volunteer holds one-year-old Yudier Moreno as he and his mother are flown by helicopter for medical treatment to Quibdo, Colombia. COLOMBIA AIR FORCE

Searchers reached the plane two days after the crash but found the two passengers missing.

The air force said it sent out a helicopter with a loudspeaker urging the woman to return to the crash site, and Renteria said a team of about 40 people began to search for her.

They were aided, he said, by a trail of clues left by Murillo, including a flip flop sandal, her son's birth certificate, a cellular phone and the remains of coconuts.

But after two more days, as rescuers began to lose hope, Renteria said he spotted a buzzing circle of flies hovering over something on the ground. As he approached, Murillo began to shout for help and attempted to get to her feet in a state of near-starvation and apparent shock.

"I told her, 'Mama, mama, be calm. The Colombian Red Cross is here to rescue you,'" Renteria said.

During the next four hours, while waiting for an airlift to arrive, rescuers administered Murillo first aid and fed her water and crackers by hand. Renteria said he stayed with the baby.

He said a grateful Murillo asked him to be the boy's godfather. The 38-year-old rescuer, who is unemployed and displaced from his hometown by violence stemming from Colombia's long-running conflict, said he saw the success as a blessing.

"I thanked my little God for allowing me to save these two people," Renteria said. "One thing is telling you on the phone what we experienced but it's quite another is to have lived it." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORTH CHARLESTON

Masses mourn shooting victims

A choir and band launched into a gospel tune and roused hundreds of mourners from their seats Thursday in a crescendo of music at the first funeral for victims of the massacre at a historic black church.

Police officers stood guard and checked bags as mourners filed in for the funeral, which was held as the debate over the rebel Confederate flag and other Old South symbols continued.

A monument to former Confederate President Jefferson Davis had the phrase "Black Lives Matter" spray-painted on it Thursday in Richmond, Virginia, the latest of several monuments to the secessionist, pro-slavery Confederacy to be defaced.

Nine Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church members were killed when police say a gunman walked into a Bible study June 17 and opened fire in a racially motivated attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Migrant crackdown urged

CRISIS

EU president calls for illegal migration to be contained

The European Union's president called Thursday for a crackdown on migrants who are only looking for jobs as opposed to those fleeing war or persecution, as migrants keep arriving on Europe's shores in ever-greater numbers.

More than 100,000 migrants have crossed the Mediterranean and landed in Europe so far this year — with almost 2,000 dying or going missing along the way. Although many are fleeing war zones, others who are just looking for a better life in Europe do not qualify for international protection.

"We need to contain illegal migration and this should be our priority," EU President Donald Tusk told reporters at a summit of the bloc's leaders in Brussels. "All those who are not legitimate asylum-seekers will have no guarantee that they will stay in Europe."

Migrants, mostly from Syria, walk in groups toward Hungary in Kanjiza, North Serbia, near the Hungarian border on Thursday. EDVARD MOLNAR/MTI VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

European coast guards have been unable to cope with the influx, with migrant reception centres in Italy and Greece completely overwhelmed even as the summer migrant crossing season is just beginning.

Hungary, for one, plans to build a border fence to stop the flood of migrants entering from Serbia.

> **Everyone must defend their own borders.**
> Viktor Orban,
> Prime Minister of Hungary

"We think there is only one solution — everyone must defend their own borders," Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban told reporters as he arrived for the summit.

"In the next years, millions are going to take to the road if they feel they have a chance to get in," he said. "Economic migrants should not brought to Hungary, but taken away from us."

EU leaders on Thursday were discussing a controversial plan to share 40,000 of the refugees arriving in Greece and Italy over the next two years. But many of the 28 nations are refusing to have migrant numbers dictated to them from Brussels.

As the leaders haggled in Brussels, more migrants landed at Italian ports. The Swedish navy ship Poseidon brought 497 migrants to Catania after they were rescued in the waters south of Sicily, as well as the body of an elderly woman.

The migrants were at sea "for 10 or 12 days, and they hadn't had any food or water," Poseidon Capt. Claes Jacobsson said. "Several of them were quite dehydrated."

Among the migrants were many Syrians, Eritreans, Ethiopians and Sudanese, officials said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BORDERS

Serbia critical of plan by Hungary for border fence

Serbia has sharply criticized Hungary's insistence on building a border fence to stop the flow of illegal migrants and has urged the EU to say whether it wants such structures on its territory.

More than 60,000 migrants from the Middle East and Africa have entered Hungary this year, nearly all by crossing Hungary's southern border with Serbia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Migrants from DR flood into Haiti, PM warns

Haiti's prime minister says the Dominican Republic is creating a humanitarian crisis with its crackdown on migrants. Prime Minister Evans Paul said Thursday that more than 14,000 people have crossed the border into Haiti in less than a week after the Dominican government said it would start deporting non-citizens who did not submit applications to establish legal residency. Many of those affected are of Haitian descent or from Haiti. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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'I did not realize' plan: guard

PRISON BREAK

Prison worker says he gave escapees items as 'a favour'

A New York State Police officer escorts suspended Clinton Correctional Facility guard Gene Palmer, left, from court in Plattsburgh, N.Y., June 24. ROB FOUNTAIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A prison guard charged in connection with the escape of two killers admitted providing them with tools, paint, frozen hamburger and access to a catwalk electrical box, but claims he never knew they planned to bust out, authorities say.

As the search for the convicts entered its 20th day Thursday, Gene Palmer was released on $25,000 bail after his arrest on charges of promoting prison contraband, tampering with evidence and official misconduct.

Palmer, 57, became the second Clinton Correctional Facility employee to be charged since Richard Matt and David Sweat used power tools to cut their way out of the maximum-security prison in northern New York on June 6.

Prison tailor shop instructor Joyce Mitchell, 51, stands charged with helping them break out.

But in contrast to the allegations against Mitchell, Palmer said he was an unwitting helper.

"I did not realize at the time that the assistance provided to Matt or Sweat made their escape easier," he told authorities in a signed statement.

District Attorney Andrew Wylie said that based on Palmer's statements and a polygraph test, investigators have no reason to believe he was knowingly involved in the escape. In the statement, Palmer admitted providing Matt with paint and paintbrushes. On four occasions over eight months, he supplied Sweat with needle-nose pliers and a screwdriver.

He said he gave Sweat access to the catwalk later used in the escape to change the wiring on electrical boxes as "a favour" to make it easier for them to cook in their cells.

And a week before the escape, he delivered to Matt a pound of frozen ground beef in a package left by Mitchell.

"Matt provided me with elaborate paintings and information on the illegal acts that inmates were committing within the facility," Palmer told authorities.

"In turn, I provided him with benefits such as paint, paintbrushes, movement of inmates, hamburger meat, altering of electrical boxes in the catwalk areas."

Wylie said Mitchell told investigators she smuggled hacksaw blades, a screwdriver and other tools into the prison by hiding them in the frozen meat.

She then put the meat in a refrigerator in the tailor shop, and Palmer took the meat to Sweat and Matt, who were housed in a section where inmates are allowed to cook their meals, according to the district attorney.

Wylie said Thursday that investigators have no proof Palmer knew hacksaw blades were embedded in the meat.

After the escape, Palmer burned and buried the inmate paintings, according to court documents.

Palmer, who has been suspended, will plead not guilty, according to his lawyer. The misconduct charge relates to receiving the inmate-made paintings in exchange for the contraband pliers and screwdriver. The tampering charges stem from the destruction and concealment of the paintings.

Authorities say the inmates cut through the steel wall at the back of their cells, crawled down a catwalk, broke through a brick wall, cut their way into and out of a steam pipe and then emerged from a manhole outside the prison.

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> **I did not realize ... the assistance provided to Matt or Sweat made their escape easier.**
> Gene Palmer, prison guard

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IN BRIEF

Lululemon issues recall of over 300,000 tops

Lululemon is recalling about 318,000 women's tops, saying the hard-tipped elastic draw cords can snap back and injure the face or eyes of a wearer. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said the tops have an elastic draw cord with a metal or plastic tip in the hood or in the neck area. The agency says seven people have reported injuries. About 185,000 tops were sold in Canada from January 2008 to December 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Air Canada adds new U.K. flight destination in 2016

Air Canada and WestJet are taking their domestic rivalry to London with both companies now adding flights to Gatwick Airport next year. The country's largest carrier, which already flies to Heathrow Airport from eight Canadian cities, announced Thursday it will add flights from Toronto to Gatwick on its leisure subsidiary Rouge next summer.
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The cooks of the Teppanyaki Grill at The Real Canadian Superstore located in Mississauga. Loblaws is tinkering with the idea of making shopping at discount Superstores feel like a premium experience, without the premium price. CARLOS OSORIO/TORONTO STAR

Revamped superstore expands food options

CONSUMERS

Loblaw-owned store aims to be a premium one-stop shop

When it comes to discount grocery stores, saving money often means a warehouse setting, indifferent lighting and lacklustre fresh-food offerings.

Loblaw Companies Ltd., owner of various grocery and Shoppers Drug Mart stores across the country, is challenging that idea with a newly renovated pilot store in Mississauga, Ont., re-opening on Friday, bringing an elevated shopping experience to a Real Canadian Superstore.

"Retail is as much about evolution as anything. If you stay in any one place for too long, you'll be overtaken," said Andrew Iacobucci, president, discount division, Loblaw Cos. Ltd.

The Real Canadian Superstore at 3050 Argentia Rd. in Mississauga, renovated over six months, has a roasted nut and dried fruit counter; a wider variety of ingredients used in Middle Eastern and Asian cuisine; an aisle of rice in large-format sizes; and it carries Parle-G, a popular cookie manufactured in India.

The move is meant to serve the area's growing diverse population. In-store features include:

Seafood & fish

To the left of the main doors are 28 feet of fish and seafood on ice. Beside that, 18 clear tanks are filled with live sea food and fish, including Barramundi, jumbo lobster, Dungeness crab, mussels and clams. The tanks are digitally filtered and temperature controlled. Seafood is a popular ingredient in Asian cuisine, and the new store configuration adds 25 per cent more space to the category. The first day after the seafood section re-opened the store did a week's worth of sales, said Iacobucci.

Veggies on a stage

Fresh is the star of the newly renovated superstore, beginning with fragrant cilantro inside the main doors leading into an abundantly stocked produce section lit up like a stage, featuring bitter melon, durian and fresh curry leaves, along with more routine fare. More than 700 items have been added to the fresh selection, which includes fruit, vegetables, seafood, meat, baked goods, take-out meals and sushi.

Teppanyaki Grill

Never shop on an empty stomach, personal finance advisors say. Now customers won't have to. They can buy T&T sushi to eat in-store or at home, or watch as a chef puts together a hot meal at the Teppanyaki grill. They can pick veggies, noodles or rice, a protein (beef, chicken or shrimp), and then the chef will chop and cook it on the spot.

The full shop

Other in-store features include a pita bakery, cosmetics, a wine shop, a dry cleaner, a pharmacy, a doctor, a gym, an expanded Joe Fresh section, baby products, home wares and electronics.
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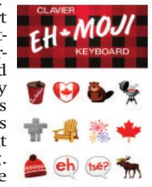
TIM HORTONS

Eh-mojis celebrate Canada

Just in time for Canada Day, Tim Hortons has launched a Canadian "Eh-moji" keyboard in the iTunes App store featuring 12 symbols that any true hoser would be proud to text.

The free keyboard features Canuck symbols including a maple leaf, beaver, Muskoka chair, barbecue, heart-shaped flag, moose, toque, fireworks, Inukshuk, "Eh" in English, "Tsé" in French, and, of course, a Tim Hortons cup.



Tim Hortons' new Eh-mojis. COURTESY TIM HORTONS

It is a smart bit of patriotic digital marketing, and the company also wants feedback as to what might be missing. Using the hashtag #textlikeaCanadian, the company would like people to suggest additions that will be added in software updates, starting on July 1.

Emojis — Tim's Canadianizes with an H as "Eh-moji" — are an evolution of the smiley, that electronic texters can add to their communications in place of words or for emphasis.

"As Canadians, we have a unique way of expressing ourselves," said Peter Nowlan, chief marketing officer at Tim Hortons.

"We set out to create a set of emojis that personified our great country by capturing some of the things that make us unique. and are recognized around the world, starting with the name of the keyboard itself."

Canadian Android users shouldn't feel left out for too long. The Android version hits the Google Play store on Monday, June 29. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON MAGICAL CONDOMS

Not until recently was there a product that could fall under the category of awkward technology.

We've all heard of good technology (penicillin), bad technology (automated checkout counters), but not until recently was there a product that could fall under the category of awkward technology.

Case in point: Three students from the U.K. won a top prize at the TeenTech Awards this week for a "smart" condom that changes colour or glows upon detection of a sexually transmitted infection. While the new prophylactic, cleverly named the S.T. EYE, would certainly be a boon for our physical health, my neurotic side has a lot of questions as to how this would actually play out. It's embarrassing enough when you're on a date and you realize you have something stuck in your teeth, imagine instead it's a disease stuck in your genitals.

Condoms are already one of the most awkward parts of having sex: from the look the woman at the pharmacy gives you when you buy them ("Getting lucky tonight, eh?"), to the impossibility of finding a place to keep them that doesn't look too organized or too much like you have no idea where a condom could be because it's been that long, to the dreaded moment of application, when for a few seconds the Jeopardy! tune starts playing. Now imagine the tune ending with Alex wryly announcing, "What is Chlamydia?"

Please note: while condoms are used by a plethora of people of many different sexual orientations, I will be using examples about heterosexuality, as that is what I know best. Okay, fine, it's all I know, I'm boring.

What would the parties to an already fraught encounter be thinking and feeling should one of these magical condoms indeed glow or change colour? While a Lord of the Rings fan might deduce that orcs are nearby, others might be more upset. The guy would be freaking out like, "Oh my God, what is it? Who was it? I guess that explains the tingling." And the girl would be like, "Would it be rude if I left right away, or should I pretend to cuddle for a while and sneak out when he's sleeping?"

It seems a titch unfair that testing only goes one way. Great, the girl knows the guy's clean, but who's testing the girl? There should be sensors on both sides of the latex, though by the time the guy found out the girl was packing a virus, it'd be a little late.

It's no surprise that the S.T. EYE was invented by a trio of 13- and 14-year-old science nerds. I'll wager none of them have yet encountered a condom, except maybe in health class, where, if their experience was anything like mine, they watched in an atmosphere of awkwardness and zero eye contact as their gym teacher unfurled, with disquieting competence, an expired Lifestyles onto an overripe banana. Should you ever find yourself in possession of an S.T. EYE, and you put one on a banana and the S.T. EYE changes colour, do not eat it. ("This tastes clappy.").

I'll admit this product could help a lot of people, especially hypochondriacs and sex workers. Safety in the workplace! But, let's face it, if a guy has chlamydia or gonorrhea, it might be a sign that he prefers to skip the condom. So remember, unless you're in a committed, blood-and-swab-tested relationship, "no condom" should glow just as bright to you as an S.T. EYE.

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler

Happy face/Sad face

From **malicious monks** to a **letter of love**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week

Clap for the power of science

After 50 years of failed science in this area, researchers at Harvard have hit on a promising experimental chlamydia vaccine — and figured out why the last one went so wrong. The study, using mice, showed that live bacteria are key to immunity. Even better news for the needle-phobic: the vaccine is a nasal spray. (It beats other STI-control methods we could name; see the Kohler Report above).

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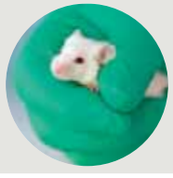

Edmonton bachelor party gone bad

An Edmonton neighbourhood was stunned when 10 young men with nylons over their faces and brandishing (foam) baseball bats barged into a home and snatched the occupant. Six neighbours called the police, who responded with guns drawn and a chopper overhead. They chose not to lay charges against the men, who were guilty of "kidnapping" a groom for his bachelor party. SOURCE: VICE

Mock monks make a move for money

Buddhists in Ottawa are warning the public that panhandling is not a part of their faith. Stony-silent men with shaved heads, dressed in the flowing robes of Buddhist monks, have been accepting cash in exchange for trinkets from people downtown. It's "the easiest fraud you can to detect," said one local Buddhist. "If you give them money and they accept, then they are not monks." SOURCE: CBC.CA

Lovesick man makes a painterly plea

The Internet dissolved into tears this week after one man took to Weibo — a Chinese-language analog of Twitter — with a single, plaintive question: Does status matter if two people are in love? That's what the painter and decorator wrote in a viral letter to the disapproving mother of his university-educated girlfriend. No word yet on the mother's response, though it really should be positive: The young artist also promised not to borrow money. SOURCE: BBC.COM

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Mother Canada is flashy, substance-free patriotism

Your thank-you card is in the mail, Parks Canada.

Without you — and the 10-storey statue you're proposing to help erect in a national park — I would have never known Mother Canada.

So this must be the motherland? Guess I missed that social studies lesson on sexist nationalist symbolism.

Silly, I know, but I would never have thought to memorialize our war dead buried abroad by building a statue of a giant woman.

And, you know, Mother Canada sure doesn't look like I'd expect.

She's a sombre figure, draped in a cloak, standing at the edge of the Atlantic with arms outstretched to welcome us all into her bosom. From what I know of women's war effort, it was a little more "welding in munitions factories." A little less "uselessly standing on a rock." I think they might have even worn pants.

But I get it now — she's an echo of more patriarchic times. Our answer to Mother Russia and American gargantuanism. Our knock-off Lady Liberty.

Definitely the best $60 million (in mostly private funds; more on that later) spent on veterans issues. Even better than the $700,000 the government has used to fight veterans upset over benefits delays.

You know, I've walked along Vimy Ridge, beneath the incredible monument where the original Mother Canada stands (also called Canada Bereft, a name notably lacking in femininity). But I don't remember her. I remember imagining the soldiers in that battle, and standing among rows of white tombstones in the green grass of a small cemetery nearby, one of many that dot the countryside.

France is a trek, so I can see why you'd want to bring Mother Canada closer (and bigger!) for all 35 million of us — by putting her in a national park on Cape Breton, population 147,000.

I have a little suggestion, though: Since we're so angsty about upping nationalistic pride, maybe we could do more to get people out to Remembrance Day ceremonies? I think they're less well attended these days than mac and cheese festivals.

Never mind the fact that Parks Canada's own employees argue that the monument violates the site's wilderness-zone designation, or the fact that Parks Canada gave $100,000 in public money to the organization behind the project. It's a good thing we're getting Godzilla — sorry, Mother Canada. Now I know that we Canadians really do go in for that flashy, substance-free patriotism stuff.

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MOVIES

Ted isn't the first of his kind to grace the silver screen

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse

Seth MacFarlane once again voices a foul-mouthed, pot-smoking bear in Ted 2. CONTRIBUTED

When John Bennett (Mark Walhberg) was a small, lonely child he wished for just one thing — a best friend. His wish came true and Ted (voice of Seth MacFarlane), his trusty teddy bear, came to life. The pair became "Thunder Buddies" for life and the subject of two movies, Ted and this weekend's Ted 2.

Ted isn't your usual teddy bear. He smokes pot, swears — imagine rooming with Tommy Chong and Charles Bukowski — and has trouble holding down a job.

In the new film, Ted is married to a human woman but under the eyes of the law he is seen as property and not a person. When the couple decides to adopt a child he faces a court battle helmed by a young lawyer (Amanda Seyfried) and a renowned, civil-rights attorney (Morgan Freeman).

Ted may be the rudest and crudest teddy bear to ever star in a movie, but there are loads of other talking teddies that are cool bears and not Teddy Bores. Remember Lancelot from Labyrinth, or the bear in AI: Artificial Intelligence — who tells the young robot that 50 years is not such a long time — and Winnie the Pooh?

Here are three more cinematic bear necessities:

"I'll never be like other people, but that's alright," says the star of the delightful Paddington, based on the much-loved children's books by Michael Bond, "because I'm a bear. A bear called Paddington."

The story of Paddington (voiced by Ben Whishaw) the cuddly, orphaned Peruvian bear picks up when he, armed only with a "worrying marmalade problem" and his distinctive red hat, lands at Paddington Station in London. There, a family adopts him and learns to love the little bear, even though chaos follows his every step. The film's co-star Hugh Bonneville says the Paddington character is so popular he is, "part of the DNA of the U.K."

The movie presents Paddington in his iconic blue duffel coat and red hat but not the usual Wellington Boots because they were not part of the bear's original design. Manufacturers added his red wellies so the toy teddies were able to stand upright.

As voiced by Ned Beatty, Lots-o'-Huggin' Bear is a Southern accented, strawberry scented teddy who looks cuddly, but is anything but. When a misunderstanding threatens to separate the toys, Woody (Tom Hanks), Buzz (Tim Allen), Jesse (Joan Cusack) and the gang take matters into their own tiny hands but when they meet the huggable but evil Lotso the garbage dump or the attic begin to look good.

"The guy may seem plush and huggable on the outside," says Buttercup the Unicorn, "but inside he's a monster." His habit of throwing toys that don't please him into "the box" is so evil he's even been compared to the wicked Governor on The Walking Dead.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Ted 2 ★★★
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The Overnight ★★★★

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Unlike Ted Fozzie the Bear doesn't work blue. The fuzzy brown jokester has been a big screen star since 1979's The Muppet Movie where he was discovered by Kermit the Frog doing stand-up comedy in a dive bar.

In the film Fozzie drives a Studebaker, but how, exactly, does a puppet manoeuvre a car? The film answers the question — "Where did you learn to drive?" Kermit asks. "I took a correspondence course!" — but the real answer is that the real driver hid in the trunk and drove the car by remote control, using a television monitor to guide his steering.

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Marky Mark on his first time

Mark Wahlberg stars in Ted 2, his first-ever sequel film. According to Wahlberg, he was most attracted to the idea of changing the film's dynamic while also working with his good friend and director Seth MacFarlane. GETTY IMAGES

TED SEQUEL

Wahlberg says he'll only do sequels if they feel 'different'

Matt Prigge
Metro | New York City

Mark Wahlberg doesn't do sequels. There's been talk of a second Italian Job, a second Four Brothers and even a follow-up to The Fighter that follows other boxers. But so far nothing has materialized, in part because he's picky. And yet here's Ted 2, his first sequel and a fairly different film than 2011's Ted, in which he played the owner-friend of a magically sentient talking bear, voiced by co-writer and director Seth MacFarlane.

"It was only worth doing it if we could make it better than the first. It had to be its own thing," responds Wahlberg over the phone from the film's London junket. "When people talk about sequels I always just shrug it off. If they develop a script I'll take a look at it. I always want to do something different and change the dynamic."

Part of that had to do with getting another chance to riff and hang out with MacFarlane. "Seth and I really have a lot in common. We have a knowledge of old, old television from the '70s and '80s," he explains.

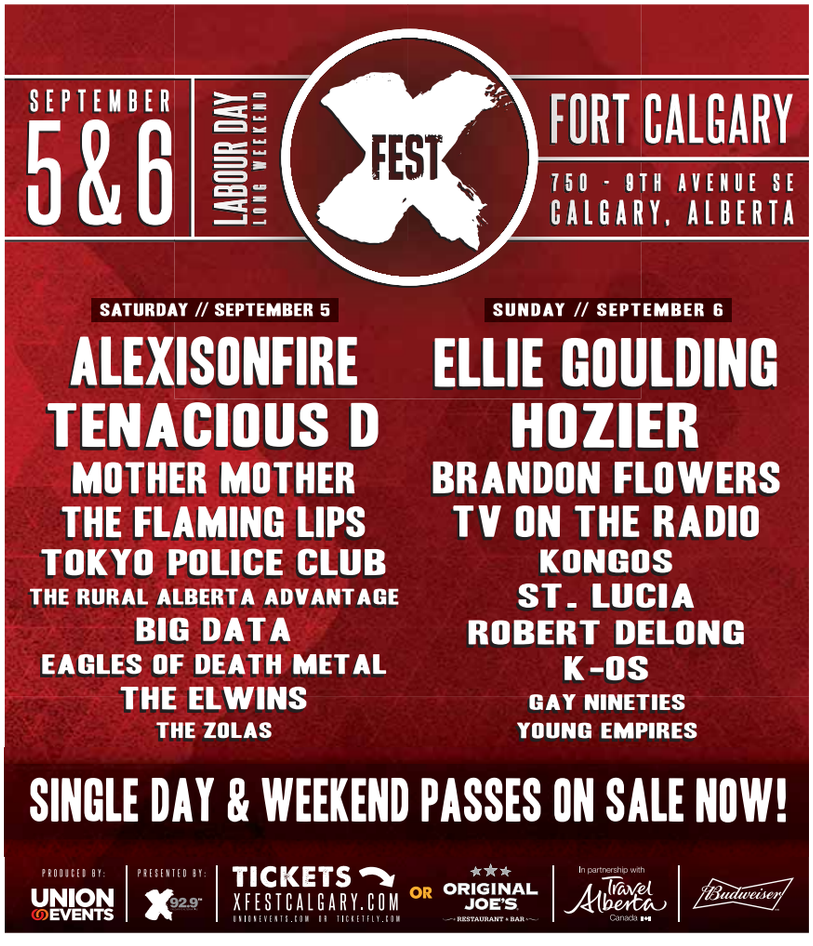
That's one reason they're comfortable together onscreen, though it's not as ad-lib-heavy as it may seem. "We play around a lot, but the writers are so good you don't need to improv so much. You might find yourself in a scene where you need to interject life into it. But it's not as necessary as it is in other situations."

MacFarlane's reputation for shocking and offending people is very much in play in Ted 2, which includes race and gay jokes, plus one about Charlie Hebdo. Wahlberg doesn't really think about those kinds of responses when saying them.

"It's one of those things where we shoot it, put it in front of an audience and see how people respond," he explains. "He doesn't like to be censored, to be sure."

Wahlberg doesn't even get shaken by the Ted films' most challenging aspect: believably conversing with a CGI talking teddy bear. MacFarlane riffs with Wahlberg while standing around where the camera is, while his co-star stares down at what will later be a special effect.

"I feel like he's real. And if I believe it, I feel I can convince an audience," Wahlberg says of his methodology. "That's what Seth wants and that's the only thing I want to do: we want to make it real. We want to make it look real. Not make a joke of it and wink at the audience."



INTERVIEW

Don't assume that Amanda Seyfried is one of those celebs

We spoke with Amanda Seyfried to discuss Ted 2, getting over stage fright to do theatre, being bad at improv and embracing social media.

Amanda Seyfried co-stars in Ted 2. CONTRIBUTED

The Way We Get By is your first play. How has that gone?
It's really the most intensely fulfilling moment of my life, creatively and personally. I have incredible stage fright, so this made me feel like I've succeeded at something really big. Almost done!

It also seems like improvising with Seth MacFarlane and Mark Wahlberg might be difficult. Did you have to do much riffing?
Not for me, because I ad-lib but I don't improvise. I'm not great at improv-ing. My brain doesn't work that fast. Mark and Seth are really good at it, and they're both really smart, and they have a great dynamic. They can riff off each other and it's so fun to watch. But I can't do that. I'm terrible at it.

This is your second film with Seth MacFarlane. What was your first meeting like?
He was a little shy at first. I'm very outspoken. I'm a little unfiltered and I say things to get a reaction, sometimes, when I'm nervous. I definitely said one thing, and his ears perked up and he said, "What?" I can't really say what it was. I always, unconsciously or consciously, try to disarm people a little bit.

What do people tend to assume about you?
I notice that people just assume I'm going to be an a—hole ... Do you know how many f—ing flight attendants have said to me — I'm sure this happens all the time to many people — they say, "You're actually really nice! I can't believe how nice you are!" Their expectations are just so low sometimes. Bummer.

Still, you have a fairly goofy Instagram. Were you reluctant to go on social media?
I was so against it. I don't want people to know more about me. But if you actually get a platform like that, you can promote anything you want, and people are going to listen. I meet a lot of my fans, especially now that I'm doing stage. If people want to come see me, they can.
MATT PRIGGE/METRO IN NEW YORK

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

In the world of food, Seth MacFarlane could be cilantro: you either love it, hate it — like Julia Child did — or are allergic to it.

There are some things that I'm incapable of understanding: buying new jeans that are already ripped; city cyclists who wear fingerless biking gloves for their five-kilometre commute; and when people mispronounce mascarpone as "marscapone."

Other things, however, are more contentious. Take Seth MacFarlane. On one hand, he was instrumental in rebooting the original Carl Sagan Cosmos with Neil deGrasse Tyson. On the other, he's responsible for that song about boobs, which he performed while hosting the 2013 Academy Awards.

Then there's Family Guy, the cartoon for adults created by MacFarlane. I've never watched an episode. Hearing people conduct lengthy conversations during the show's height in the early 2000s as either Stewie, the talking baby, or Brian, the talking dog, was all the Family Guy I could handle.

Yes, it's unfair to judge a sitcom by its annoying fans. It's also unfair, my boyfriend Simon told me, to make your partner watch Ted, the 2012 feature film MacFarlane wrote and directed about Bostonian John Bennett (Mark Wahlberg) and his best friend Ted, a CGI teddy bear (voiced by MacFarlane) who teaches John to be a better human.

Their weed-fuelled bromance will continue on Friday when the sequel hits theatres. Ted 2 focuses more on its title character, who is married and wants to have a baby. Biology requires that Ted ask John to be his sperm donor. John agrees. But for Ted to have legal custody of the baby, the teddy must prove he is human.

THE FILM: TED 2

THE FOOD: 7 INGREDIENT SALSA

In the world of food, MacFarlane could be cilantro: you either love it, hate it — like Julia Child did — or are allergic to it. But few are indifferent.

Although food writer Harold McGee says cilantro is "the world's most widely consumed fresh herb," it's never really caught on in Europe or the Mediterranean where many say it tastes "soapy." No wonder: McGee writes that "the same or similar aldehydes" found in cilantro "are also found in soaps and lotions and the bug family of insects."

Cilantro haters voice their disgust on websites, blogs and Facebook pages, including one called I Hate Cilantro, which has 16,000 followers and is categorized as a political group. The lovers, including Simon, use it creatively: he once suggested I put it in a batch of ice pops.

I didn't, but it's a necessary ingredient in my seven-ingredient salsa, which a friend's father taught me how to make. Blitz a can of drained plum tomatoes, a red onion, a jalapeno, garlic clove, juice of a lime, a generous pinch of salt and big handful of cilantro in a food processor. It's so good that I can't recall the last time I bought jarred salsa.

I do remember, however, the last trailer that I laughed out loud watching. For better or worse, it was Ted 2.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

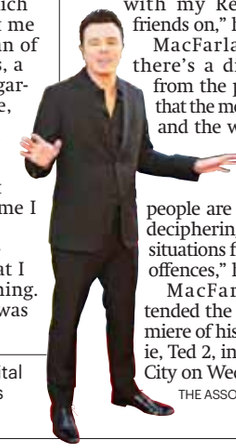
COMEDY

MacFarlane hasn't lost his edge

Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane dismisses the notion that comedy has become more politically correct these days. Instead, he blames some members of the press for exaggerating the situation.

"They are screaming that everyone else is angry when they're not," MacFarlane said. "I don't buy it. I don't think it's real."

"This is the only thing I agree with my Republican friends on," he added.



MacFarlane feels there's a disconnect from the perception that the media creates and the way people actually think.

"Most people are capable of deciphering comedic situations from actual offences," he said.

MacFarlane attended the world premiere of his new movie, Ted 2, in New York City on Wednesday.

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FILM ADAPTATION

John Green's Looking For Alaska gets new director

The celebrated director of Electrick Children, Rebecca Thomas, is set to direct the adaptation of John Green's first young adult fiction novel Looking For Alaska.

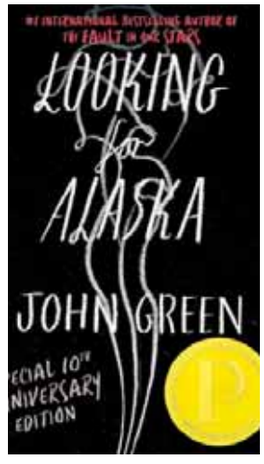
The book was first published in 2005 and, though its tale of boarding school adventures is the third John Green adaptation after The Fault in Our Stars and July's Paper Towns, it was the first one optioned.

Announcing the appointment via his Twitter feed, John Green made his enthusiasm known.

"Big announcement!" he wrote, "The Looking for Alaska movie has its director, the brilliant Becca Thomas (@beccalouthomas). IT IS REALLY HAPPENING."

"The story is so personal and I know it's also an important story to lots of readers, and I don't want to mess up their relationship with the book or its characters," he continued on his blog.

"Becca gets Alaska — she wrote me this letter that just made it clear to me that she gets it way deep down, and if you've seen her movie Electrick Children you'll know she has a really cool visual imagination," he explained.



"I am not by nature optimistic, but I think it could be a really great movie. So yay for Becca!!!"

Thomas's story of a most unusual teenage awakening in Electrick Children won her plaudits from a number of independent film festivals, including SXSW, Deauville and the Tallinn Black Nights fest.

Thomas replaces Sarah Polley on the project.

AFP

IN BRIEF

Star Wars VII poised for global success

According to an analyst at Morgan Stanley, the next installment in the Star Wars saga, The Force Awakens, could become the third highest grossing film in history, behind James Cameron's Avatar and Titanic.

Six months before its release, Star Wars VII is already the focus of intense financial scrutiny. If the Morgan Stanley analyst is correct, the J.J. Abrams-helmed film is supposedly capable of grossing $1.95 billion worldwide, an estimate that would totally change the landscape at the top of the rankings.

With such a haul, the next Star Wars would leapfrog the two Avengers films, currently in fourth and fifth place, and even take over the third spot, currently held by Fast & Furious 7 and its $1.52 billion.

Fans' anticipation for The Force Awakens is palpable. In April, the movie's second trailer was viewed more than 30 million times on YouTube in just 24 hours, hitherto unheard of. To date, the video has recorded 54 million unique views, which bodes very well for ticket sales. AFP

A not-so-innocent invite

SEX COMEDY

Adam Scott talks about baring it all in The Overnight

Steve Gow
For Metro

In The Overnight, what starts as a dinner party deviates after the kids go to bed. CONTRIBUTED

Adam Scott has a few helpful words for young parents learning to make new friends in modern suburbia.

"Don't take your pants off before you're ready would be my advice," said the star of TV's Parks & Recreation in a recent interview in Toronto.

While that seems like an offbeat metaphor, it also would've been a practical pointer for Scott's character in The Overnight — a new sex comedy in which he and his on-screen wife (Taylor Schilling of Orange Is The New Black) attend a seemingly innocuous dinner party only to find their mysterious new neighbours have other plans.

As the evening unfolds, the couple is soon caught up in a nightmare that has them evaluating their sexual mores and pondering their predictable marriage.

"I did relate to it in a lot of ways," said Scott, who is married with two children himself.

> **Don't take your pants off before you're ready.**
> Adam Scott

"Taylor's and my character, we are happy (and) they love each other very much. It's just their position with each other and the position of their relationship gets a little unmoored. And all you need is to be unmoored a little bit to start questioning everything."

For Scott's character, that meant facing not only a few homoerotic impulses but a rather intimate inadequacy that has gathered a lot of media attention since the movie premiered at the Sundance Film Fest.

Indeed, Scott knew donning a diminutive penis prosthetic on-camera would be shocking, but he never thought he'd have to discuss it at such length.

"I was on this HBO show Tell Me You Love Me and we had prosthetic penises on that so I talked about it a bit then," laughed Scott. "But I had no idea what I was in for."

As painful as shooting those "nude" scenes must have been, they pale in comparison to the overall suspense of the story. After all, sophomore filmmaker Patrick Brice has said he aimed to shape the swinger comedy into a nail-biting thriller.

"A friend of mine said it's like a horror movie where sex is the monster and I completely agree with that," said Scott. "We've had screenings where people are yelling at the screen, just like a horror movie."

SCOTT SAYS

Learning from the best

Although his most famous work is in TV's Parks & Recreation and cult-hit Party Down, Scott says it wasn't until he starred opposite Will Ferrell in 2008's Step Brothers that he found his comedy mojo.

"I was mostly doing dramatic stuff," admitted Scott. "So it was really hard. But if you're going to learn (comedy) anywhere, it may as well be with those guys. They're the coolest!"

Director's chair

Backing the film as a producer, Scott hopes he can someday make the jump into directing as well but its something he isn't rushing. "I want it to be the right thing," said Scott. "If you make one movie and it's not good, then chances are, you aren't going to get that chance again."

On pushing his comfort level

"When I read it, I thought this is very uncomfortable for me — not just the physical stuff but the emotional stuff was creepy," said Scott. STEVE GOW

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JOSH LAWSON

Aussie director talks pushing boundaries in The Little Death

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The sex files

Josh Lawson and Bojana Novakovic in The Little Death, a comedy about five couples' complicated sex lives. CONTRIBUTED

Australian director Josh Lawson's debut, The Little Death, delves into the sex lives of five Sydney couples and the comic consequences that arise from lovers clumsily admitting their secret desires to each other. One storyline in particular has been getting the bulk of the attention, though.

Are any of these storylines based in truth in any way?
In fact, the rape fantasy was where it all started, and it came from a confession — or admission, really. Confession makes it sound like she's done something wrong, and there's certainly nothing wrong with having a rape fantasy. But it was at a dinner party many, many years ago. You know, we'd had a few glasses of wine and the subject came up, and this girl said it was a fantasy of hers. I was so fascinated by it.

Was that something you'd ever come across before?
I certainly knew of rape fantasies, but I'd never really spoken with anyone with such candour about it. I just really felt there was something in it. I really felt like I'd never seen something like that explored on film, and when I researched that fetish, other fetishes sort of came up. And the more fetishes came up, the more I realized there was just so much to it — the world of fetishism and kinks.

It does seem to persist being a source of real shame for people, though.
It's well-observed. I really was fascinated at what point in any relationship you tell someone, "Hey, I'm really into this." I mean, we all do it in our own way. But yeah, I think sex is that last taboo subject in a lot of ways. There is a lot of shame associated with it, there's fear associated with it.

> **I think sex is that last taboo subject in a lot of ways.**
> Josh Lawson

Do you have a favourite of the couples, as a writer?
I love them all, I really do. I'll say this, there was one story that has met with a lot of resistance in terms of funding for a long, long time, but I'm proud of the achievement and the actors. The first one is the rape story. People always contest that we're making jokes about rape, but I don't think that we are. I think it's because there's the issue of rape in a comedy, but the comedy never comes from us making fun of it or treating it lightly. I understand where the controversy is coming from, but I refute it, obviously.

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Living a dog's life to the Max

FAMILY ADVENTURE

Lauren Graham talks working with kids and canine co-stars

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Life

Lauren Graham, left, with her Max co-star Josh Wiggins, and Carlos the dog (inset). CONTRIBUTED

There's an old show business adage about never working with children or animals. The comment is usually incorrectly attributed to W.C. Fields, but no matter who coined the phrase, Lauren Graham clearly hasn't taken it to heart.

For her latest film, Max, about a military dog with PTSD that goes to live with the Texas family of its fallen trainer, Graham supports both a teenage co-star and a four-legged one. Yet, that doesn't mean she had any hesitations about the project.

"I've worked with a lot dogs — and a lot of kids," Graham says with a laugh. "You just know what to expect. It's another element of slight unknown, and a little bit of restriction in a way, because you can't just do whatever you want. You have to kind of be there for the animal or for the child. But that's OK."

In fact, that difference in the filmmaking environment can be a welcome change, Graham explains. "In a way it just kind of defines the world you're working in. And these dogs were incredibly well-trained, and for the most part they want to be working and they want to be rewarded for completing these tasks, so it was just kind of amazing to watch them," she says.

"They all live together with the same trainer, and they're all rescue dogs. They are friends, the dogs. They get along really well."

Best known for her work on television in both Gilmore Girls and Parenthood, some could argue that Graham is becoming something of an expert in playing characters who grapple with moody teenagers.

But Graham takes slight issue with that. "Well, on Gilmore Girls she wasn't so much moody when she was a teenager," she points out. "But they don't make enough movies about non-moody teenagers. I think that may be due to the fact that most of them are moody."

This film's moody teen is younger son Justin — played by Hellion star Josh Wiggins — a mopey hacker who sells pirated video games and shirks responsibility until his older brother's death in Afghanistan shakes up the family.

"He felt like a different kind of actor to me," Graham says of Wiggins. "And this was such a different world to play this family who are in Texas and the military is a very big part of their lives, so it felt like a different challenge."

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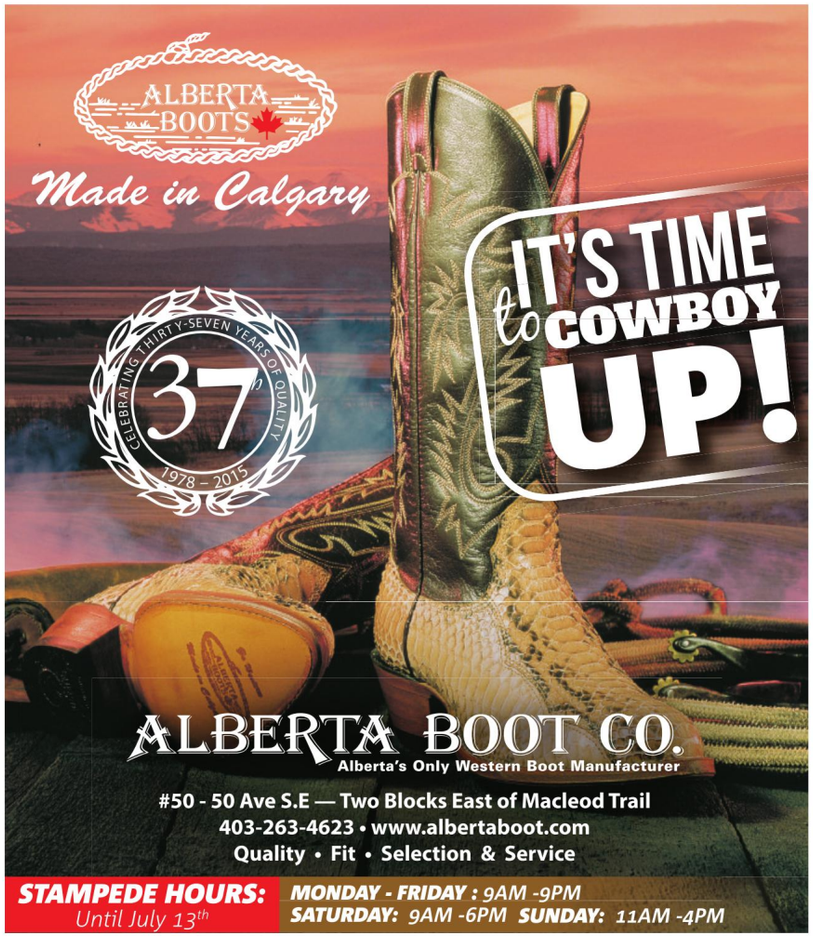

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Max

Director: Boaz Yakin
Starring: Jay Hernandez, Robbie Amell

A military dog from Afghanistan is adopted by his late handler's grieving family in the U.S., where his close bond with the soldier's brother leads to a life-altering revelation in this family-friendly adventure from MGM and director Boaz Yakin, who co-wrote the screenplay.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

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COMEDY

Ted 2

Director: Seth MacFarlane
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Seth MacFarlane

Newlywed couple Ted and Tami-Lynn want to have a baby, but in order to qualify to be a parent, Ted will have to prove he's a person in a court of law. Seth MacFarlane returns as the voice of the titular bear in this follow-up to the 2012 live-action/CG-animated comedy.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 46% Audience: 95%

COMEDY

Spy

Director: Paul Feig
Starring: Melissa McCarthy, Jason Statham

Susan Cooper is an unassuming, deskbound CIA analyst, and the unsung hero behind the agency's most dangerous missions. When her partner falls off the grid and another top agent is compromised, she goes deep undercover to prevent a global disaster.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 95% Audience: 85%

HORROR

Insidious: Chapter 3

Director: Leigh Whannell
Starring: Dermot Mulroney, Stefanie Scott

This chilling prequel reveals how gifted psychic Elise Rainier reluctantly agrees to use her ability to contact the dead in order to help a teenage girl who has been targeted by a dangerous supernatural entity.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 60% Audience: 61%

ANIMATION

Inside Out

Directors: Pete Docter, Ronnie del Carmen
Starring: Amy Poehler, Bill Hader

Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life when her father starts a job in San Francisco.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 98% Audience: 92%

ACTION & ADVENTURE

Jurassic World

Director: Colin Trevorrow
Starring: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard

Steven Spielberg returns to executive produce the next instalment of his ground-breaking Jurassic Park series.

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Healthgoth trend started by an out-of-shape DJ

With a nightlife entourage, Chicago's Johnny Love and his crew have helped propel a fitness subculture movement that's become known as healthgoth.

With their tattoos, piercings, coloured hair and black mesh workout gear, the healthgoth followers don't fit the traditional gym rat mode.

The success of Love's viral Healthgoth Manifesto video on YouTube and his underground parties have brought him international fame. He toured his pop-up gym installations, making stops across America from Chicago to Austin for SXSW to Toronto (Love's Soft Leather dance party recently touched down in the city). Love and his posse walk participants through a series of exercises from his three-day free-weights routine, while DJs keep the energy levels up.

It all started when, going into his early 30s, Love had been on tour for months when he noticed things happening to his body.

"It was a gradual progress of my own fattening up with my face getting rounder and I looked really soft," he said.

He did when they need fitness advice and asked a more experienced friend for tips. Being on tour and not having a workout routine or gym membership, his options were limited but the weight loss solution he got was simple.

"You don't need a gym membership," said the friend, "just quit eating carbs. Start tomorrow." Love was incredulous — it worked.

Fashion-forward concert-goers Juan Solorzano and Jennifer Nguyen at Electric Island in Toronto. JESSE SHIP/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

His current routine is not unlike many others you might encounter at the gym.

"There's a chest and biceps day, back and triceps day, and leg and shoulders day. And if there's room, we do an abs routine," he said. "If you still have strength at the end of day three, you can do a last calf exercises until your legs are burning and its time to go home. If you're sore, then you're doing a good job."

The Healthgoth fashion esthetic emerged from the Internet, inspired by avant-garde designers like the Rick Owens and Alexander Wang. As the fitness trend has gone global, mainstream designers like Nike, Under Armour and Adidas are creating specialized lines to fill the growing "alternative" activewear niche.

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THE SHOPPING LIST

Animal print workout wear
Look for edgier lines of innovative mesh-heavy, tie-dyed and animal-print workout wear from brands like Lucas Hugh and Canadian labels Michi, Vancouver's Daub + Design and Toronto's Hoi Bo. While female-focused, some could complement a unisex look.

Haven (Havenshop.ca)
With their first brick and mortar shop in Edmonton, Haven has Japanese avant-garde and sporty deep in their DNA stocking limited runs of Junya Watanabe contemporary TAKAHIROMIYASHITA The Soloist's line, and oversized reflective running ponchos from Barbour & White Mountaineering and the latest collaborative designer supergroup, ACRONYM and Stone Island's Shadow Project.

Adidas Originals (Adidas.ca)
It's impossible to ignore the originator and first choice for healthgoth enthusiasts who covet collaborations with designers like Japan's Neighbourhood and London's Mary Katrantzou. Summer 2015's inflatable car tire-inspired Tubular sneaker collection may give Nike's Roshe Runs a run for their money.

Nomad (Nomadshop.net)

Incorporate the latest Fear of God tanks, Nike Tech Fleece shorts and Raf Simons Velcro sneakers into your training sessions thanks to Toronto's Queen West bastion of cutting edge menswear.

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New York-based Laser Girls creates futuristic fingernail art. Most sets are 3-D-printed in nylon, cost about $20 and can be worn multiple times. DORIAN GEIGER/THE TORONTO STAR

3-D nail art at your fingertips

3-D PRINTING

Entrepreneur develops a new kind of wearable tech

Not so long ago, Avery-Anne Gervais was flipping mobile home security cellphone applications as a door-to-door salesperson in Winnipeg. It was a far cry from the entrepreneur's lifelong dream of being a contestant on Dragons' Den.

Now, the 21-year-old is living in Shanghai, China, pulling the reigns of CLAWZ, her very own startup that bridges technology, fashion and art. Her product? Art for your fingernails made with a 3-D printer.

"If you want the Winnipeg Jets logo on your fingernails you stamp that on, or you want your high school emblem on there, or you want the letters of your name or the initials of all your best friends," said Gervais via Skype, from China.

Millennials — mainly women, including celebrities such as Katy Perry — have embraced nail art, transforming it from a fashion statement into a soaring trend. It's an age of mass experimentation, and now, with 3-D printing, the possibilities seem endless.

"Pick your size, your colour and the shape, and just print it off," added Gervais, who also owns a retro spray-tanning salon in Winnipeg. "So that was the dream — complete customization of whatever you wanted on your nails."

By 2018, 3-D printing is slated to be a $4.8-billion industry and the fashion world is looking to cash in.

Also known as rapid prototyping, 3-D printing uses different materials to build a three-dimensional model of an object layer by layer. Through the use of a computer-aided design (CAD) program, designs are created, dimensions are dictated and textures are explored.

Conventional nail art lasts for just a few days to upwards of a week or two. Unlike the shorter shelf life of typical nail art, CLAWZ is permanent, reusable, and texturized in greater detail. A 3-D printer prints out replicas of a set of nails in wax. These wax prototypes are cast into precious metals like black steel or silver, which, through a temporary adhesive that attaches to the nail, allows customers to self-decorate.

Gervais said CLAWZ targets young women aged 21 to 35 who get their nails done, and who perhaps consider themselves tech nerds.

"Women want to be integrated with technology and they love the idea that it's a 3-D printer. It becomes a conversation piece," she said.

In Canada — and North America in general — 3-D-printed fashion hasn't quite caught on yet, evidenced by CLAWZ launching in China, not at home.

Biying Miao, who co-founded Hot Pop Factory — a design firm specializing in 3-D printing and laser cutting in Toronto's design district — said that there is "more of a willingness to experiment" in China when it comes to fashion and design. In North America, 3-D nail art is even rarer than its exclusive pool of fashion designers using the technology.

Nina Huynh, 34, owner of Wow Wow Nails in Toronto, had never heard of 3-D printers being used to manufacture nail art. Huynh, who estimates she applies nail art to around 40 to 50 customers each week, was unsure what to think of the trend — if to call it that at all.

"It's definitely a cool concept," said Huynh, who browsed CLAWZ's website. "I don't know how much people are going to want this because it's going to be expensive and I don't think we're ready for it yet ... When it comes to nail art, we're a little bit behind."

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FASHION NOTES

CLAWZ out!

CLAWZ just pre-launched its product in China and is now marketing its soon-to-be-available summer line.

One is a set of black nails, texturized to mimic koi fish scales, and another, entitled, "A Girl's Best Friend," is gold matte with a black diamond in its centre. CLAWZ has another line, orbital in theme, which is inspired by different phases of the lunar cycle.

These cost anywhere from about $40 to $130 for a full set. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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#THEPOWEROFMAKEUP

Half-and-half makeup blows up on Instagram

A divisive new beauty trend is taking place on Instagram, featuring women with half of their faces made up.

Using the hashtag #ThePowerOfMakeUp, thousands of beauty lovers have been posting photos of themselves with one half of their face looking completely bare and the other modelling a more glamorous and flawless look.

Acting as combination "before and after" photos, the powerful images show the capacity of makeup to completely transform your natural features. They are a way for these women to defend themselves against "makeup shaming," or criticism for wearing too many cosmetics.

The trend was inspired by YouTube beauty hit Nikkie Tutorials, who caused an online sensation when she posted her video The Power of MAKEUP! to her channel back in May. The industry expert explained her decision to post the video saying, "I feel like lately makeup shaming has become a thing. It's as if putting makeup on to have fun is a shame. Therefore, I thought it would be cool to show you the power of makeup." The clip has since gone viral and been seen over 17 million times.

Instagram captions accompanying the photos reveal the psychological effect of makeup, ranging from "I'm attractive either way" to "makeup shaming — just stop it!!" AFP

YouTube beauty hit Nikkie's half-and-half Instagram. INSTAGRAM

Tracking the beauty beat around globe

MAKEUP

Blogger turns to social media for tips on the world's trends

How do cultural beauty ideals differ around the world? This was the question beauty blogger Jackie Aina attempted to answer when she teamed up with Smashbox on a new trends video.

The makeup expert harnessed the power of social media to ask her followers all over the planet about the ideal beauty looks in their countries. Using the responses she got in addition to her own research, she then joined forces with the studio Made at Smashbox and makeup artist Sarah Bahlibi to model the looks on her own face.

First up was Australia, where the main emphasis was on skin tone. Some dark-skinned contributors commented on the pressure to lighten their skin, while those with light skin tones talked about the pressure to appear tan and sun-kissed. For her makeup, Aina kept things simple and beach-ready with a shimmery highlighter on her cheekbones, mascara and a natural lip gloss.

Next came France, where Aina added a bold red lip to her look for a bit of extra va-va-voom. Eyes were lightly smoky and the overall effect pretty and elegant.

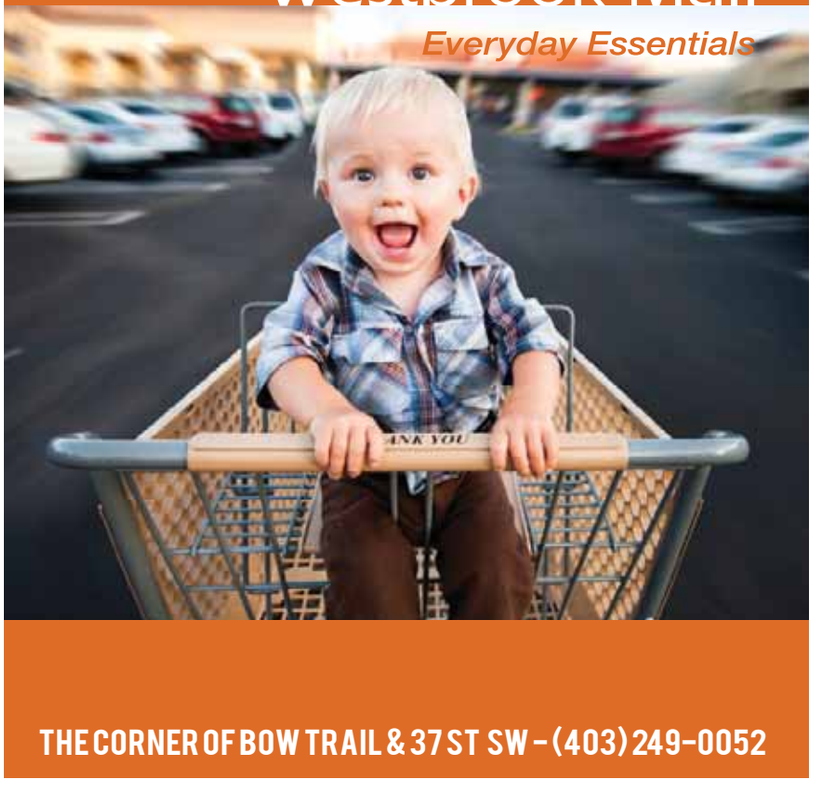
For her U.S. look, she sported a smoky purple eye brought out by false lashes, winged eyeliner and strong brows for a "paparazzi ready" vibe. Contributors talked about the pressure to look more "Latina" or tan.

Things got even more dramatic for Nigeria, featuring gold and bronze toned eyeshadow, even more eyeliner and bold raspberry glossy lips. "Anybody that knows make-up in Nigeria knows it is full on glamour," explained Aina.

It didn't get any subtler for the UAE, where the look was super sculpted, feminine and smoky. A bright pink lip kept things fun.

The final country was the Republic of Korea — a big beauty hot spot at the moment. Again, social media comments talked about the perception of pale skin as beautiful, so Aina sported a lighter base with bubblegum pink lips, strong brows and heavily lidded eyes. AFP

Jackie Aina's video The Worldwide Standard of Beauty. JACKIE AINA VIDEO/AFP



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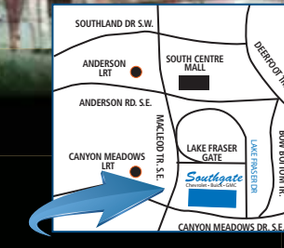

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Awkward! Hookups gone wrong

DEBUT BOOK

Isaac Oliver's intimacy tales will leave you breathless ... with laughter

Matt Lee
Metro | New York City

When it comes to getting intimate, comic writer Isaac Oliver is no idiot.

His hysterical debut book, Intimacy Idiot, is a collection of essays, vignettes, poems, lists and diary entries that document the poignant, hilarious and awkward moments of intimacy between humans.

Metro caught up with Oliver on the phone during which he discussed writing.

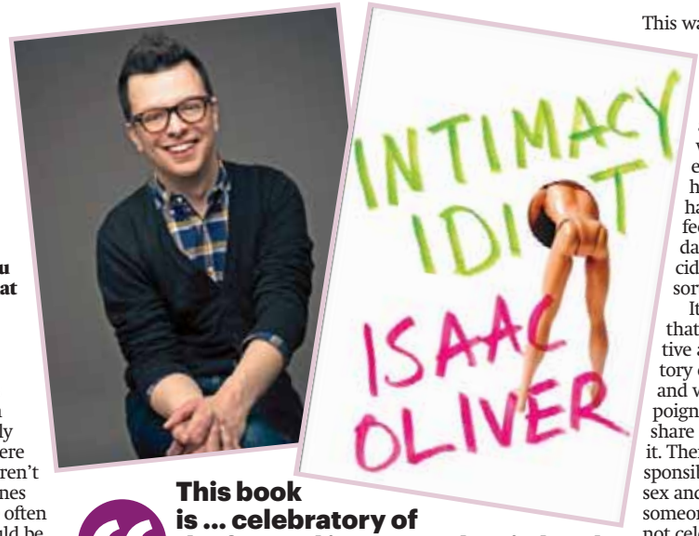
How do you find these moments in Intimacy Idiot?
The book is sort of a collection of things that happened over several years. It's not like they all happened in the span of two insane months. I don't sort of seek out stories per se, and I'm certainly not on Grindr thinking, "Oh, he looks dramaturgically exciting."

You don't?!
Not at all.

You don't look for people where you're like, "You look like you might murder me? That sounds exciting"?
Exactly. I haven't had a murder scare yet, so, second book!

I think everyone has stories like this. I mean there were a lot of really boring hookups that were unremarkable, that weren't story-worthy, but the ones that were — they were often the hookups that I would be thinking about like days later.

One of my favourite chapters in Intimacy Idiot was Big Ben. Your description of the events prior to the hookup with this dude and his very large package had me laughing non-stop. Then the chapter became very real and very serious when the topic of protection came up.
That took me a very long time to write. A lot of people commented and sort of shared, or expressed concern (about the story) and my parents were a little horrified to read that.



> **This book is ... celebratory of the fun and joyous and weird and sometimes poignant moments you can share in casual sex.**
> Isaac Oliver, author of Intimacy Idiot

This was before there was sort of the epilogue, you know, before I found him again online and we reconnected for a conversation but it was sort of the darkest the modern-day gay hooking-up trajectory has taken me and I don't feel a great inkling to go darker. It was sort of accidentally a reckoning of sorts.

It's important to me that this book is sex-positive and sort of celebratory of the fun and joyous and weird and sometimes poignant moments you can share in casual sex. I mean it. There's a way to have responsible, thoughtful casual sex and still be intimate with someone and I never want to not celebrate that or condemn that in any way, but there was this encounter with this guy where we were not communicating.

We wanted different things and we were having just a strange fight that evolved into him literally screaming "Why are you doing this to me?" which is so outlandish — that it just started with something so banal and commonplace in gay hookups, to fight over the condom and how far people will take that, which we've all grappled with.

Onto a different subject, the title of the book is Intimacy Idiot. Can you describe an Intimacy Idiot? How do I know if I am one?
Well, I would never call you an intimacy idiot. I would never call anyone else that! It's self-identifying. For me, it's about the very New York experience of being intimate with a large group of people sitting in total silence on a bus or on a subway. But then what happens when you're in a room alone with someone?

It's that moment of opening your mouth and speaking to one person that just feels so backwards to me — of just my ability to sort of be in a crowd or large group of people or on a stage reading these stories to an audience and feeling completely comfortable, but then sitting at a restaurant table with a handsome man and not really knowing how to conduct myself.

HOLLY MADISON GOES DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE IN NEW BOOK

Ex-Playboy Bunny hopes sharing story helps others in unhappy relationships

Holly Madison insists that she doesn't like talking about living at the Playboy mansion and dating Hugh Hefner, but believes "it's important to tell the truth of my story."

The 35-year-old former Playboy Bunny writes about life before, during and after the mansion in her new book, Down the Rabbit Hole (Dey Street Books). She paints a completely different picture from the carefree life depicted in the now-defunct E! series Girls Next Door, which featured the legendary men's magazine publisher living with his three girlfriends — Madison, Bridget Marquardt and Kendra Wilkinson.

"I wasn't really happy with the way Hef treated us," says Madison, now the married mother of one child. "I wanted to be in the relationship where I was the only girl and I wanted more out of the situation than what we were really allowed to do."

The book depicts a calculating, manipulative and verbally abusive Hefner. For his part, he has released a statement accusing his former lover of rewriting history.

Madison said his response was expected. "But I didn't really care what it was because for me, he doesn't have any mental or emotional power over me anymore. I'm totally done with that. I wanted to share my story so people could finally know where I was coming from and ... inspire people if they're in bad relationships to break free or to reinvent themselves if they feel bad about a decision they made a long time ago.

"I don't care what his reaction is. This wasn't done out of revenge." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Yes, that Perez is in the House

Perez Hilton, left, will star as Full House dad Danny Tanner in the musical based on the television classic. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION METRO

MUSICAL COMEDY

Gossip blogger to play the dad in Full House The Musical

Richard Crouse
Metro | Life

When most people of think of Perez Hilton they think of his blog PerezHilton.com, a gossip site that last year was ranked 1,234th most trafficked website on the Internet.

If Perez has his way, however, you'll start thinking of him as a musical comedy star. The Tisch School of the Arts graduate is set to star in National Lampoon's Full House The Musical! A Tanner Family Parody! at Toronto's Randolph Theatre for a limited run before the show moves to New York in September.

Hilton found out about the show, fittingly enough, on the internet. A friend posted a notice about the musical on his Facebook page. "I left a comment saying, 'I need to be involved. I need to be in this show,'" he says. "I even joked I would be Mary Kate and Ashley. One of the creators, Tobly (McSmith), said, 'Is Perez serious?'"

He was serious, but the show isn't. Featuring tunes like This House is Too Full and Our Family is Better Than Your Family, the musical shows what happens when, "something happens where (Danny) loses his ability to give 'dad' speeches and all hell breaks loose."

> **I even joked I would be Mary Kate and Ashley**
> Perez Hilton

The show will "both celebrate and skewer the source material," he says. "In this one not only am I playing the family patriarch Danny Tanner, but I'm also playing Bob Saget. So we satirize the show and incorporate elements of these actor's lives that we know and love."

Hilton hopes people will accept him as Danny Tanner. "It may be hard for people to forget about Perez Hilton at the beginning but hopefully as the show goes on they kind of lose themselves in the experience and start to see me as the characters I play in this show."

LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU

Papa Perez has a grand plan

Over the past year and a half, Hilton has acted in Sharknado 2 and Hot in Cleveland, and has a starring role in the upcoming horror film Most Likely to Die. He says his goal is to have a long career "doing many different things" as a general entertainer, like the late Joan Rivers.

Now a father of a two-year-old and a newborn, he jokes he's too old for late-night parties like last weekend's Much Music Video Awards, which he used to frequent. But he does love living in New York City. "I do so much with my kids, because there's so much to do and it's so easy to do it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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‘Humans’ goes synth deep

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Robot drama brings new life to ‘synthetic’ characters

The Walking Dead has zombie school and AMC’s new sci-fi robot drama Humans has synth school.

British actress Gemma Chan says a special acting workshop was set up for those tackling robot roles on the London-shot show.

Just as zombie school taught extras on The Walking Dead to shamble and snarl, synth school revolved around establishing and learning a universal physical language for actors playing synthetic characters.

“The writers and directors very much didn’t want anything overtly robotic but they did want something that was other than human,” Chan explained in a recent phone interview from New York.

“These things are ultimately machines so every movement has to have an economy and an efficiency for it. It was a question of literally learning how to walk again and how to stand up, sit down, turn around, do all kinds of different tasks. I had to learn to be a bit more ambidextrous so I could do things equally with both hands, which is hard because I’m very right-handed. All kinds of stuff.

Gemma Chan stars as robot domestic worker Anita in Humans, a new AMC sci-fi series about high-tech robots challenging future society. HANDOUT

“And once we’d established a kind of general set of rules we did individual work with a choreographer to make the movement unique to our characters, because obviously you have different models of synths and some are more advanced than others and some are kind of older models.”

And some seem very human, such as Chan’s domestic worker Anita.

The beautiful Anita is purchased by the busy Hawkins family to help around their London home. But working mom Laura, played by Katherine Parkinson, is not entirely comfortable with the idea and becomes increasingly suspicious of whether Anita is as compliant and docile as she appears to be.

Meanwhile, other synth owners like William Hurt’s aging George Millican seem more than willing to ascribe human qualities to their household helpers. In his case, he treats a young-looking but out-of-date companion named Odi more like a son than a machine.

George was once a mechanical engineer on the original synth project but retreated from the world when his wife Mary died. When Odi begins to malfunction, government officials force George to accept a new, stern synthetic caregiver named Vera.

Hurt says his character is driven by thoroughly human impulses.

“In my mind, what George did was he made a decision to (commit to) his relationship to his wife and to vulnerability and to mortality,” Hurt says in a separate phone interview from New York.

“I think it’s his visionary concept of the most a human being can be. And also that suffering is of value. Which is the issue about sentience, you know — when you make sentience are you going to make it capable of suffering? That’s a big question.” THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEAR FUTURE

Humans never too old for technology

Actor William Hurt says the scenarios are not hard to imagine actually happening, noting that technology already infiltrates so much of our day-to-day lives.

“It won’t be long before these things are subcutaneously installed,” says Hurt, who also played a robot expert in Steven Spielberg’s 2001 drama A.I.: Artificial Intelligence.

“It scares me and it thrills me. It scares me if we use it wrong, if it backfires on us.”

The 65-year-old Hurt says he’s fairly comfortable with technology, but only because he studied computer science at Columbia University two years ago. He encourages any senior confounded by the digital world to do the same.

“I think some people are giving up and I think they should not do that. Don’t give up,” says Hurt, nevertheless noting that society hasn’t made it easy for older tech users to thrive.

“Go for it, because you’re not too old.” THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hurt says film set death 'great sorrow' of his life

WILLIAM HURT INTERVIEW

Humans star recalls fatal Midnight Rider train accident

William Hurt says the horrific death of a camera assistant during a movie shoot last year is "one of the great sorrows" of his life.

The veteran actor says he's "racked his brain" over what he could have done to prevent the incident, which killed 27-year-old Sarah Jones and injured six others during an ill-fated shoot atop a railway trestle spanning Georgia's Altamaha River.

As the star of the Gregg Allman biopic Midnight Rider, Hurt had also been on the tracks when a train suddenly came thundering toward the set.

"I just had an unsettled feeling from the very time I got there," Hurt said by phone from New York where he was promoting his upcoming AMC drama, Humans.

"I stopped everything and I said in front of everybody, I said, 'Stop.' And I asked (assistant director) Hillary (Schwartz) in front of the whole crowd, 'Are we safe?' Because it's her job as the first AD to tell us that. She said, 'Yes."'

Hurt says he asked whether there was a spotter to alert them to oncoming trains and how much time they'd have to get out of the way. He says he was told, "Sixty seconds."

"And I said in front of everybody, 'Sixty seconds is not enough time to get these people and this equipment off this bridge. There's just no way.' And then I looked around, thinking that the rest of the crew, who had all worked with her before ... would say something. And they didn't. They just started shambling back to work. And I thought, 'Well that's their vote. They trust her.' So we went to work."

Hurt says he lay down on a bed that had been placed perpendicular to the tracks. Then he heard Schwartz say a train was coming.

"I was barefoot and I turned around, I twisted my head and I said, 'Someone's going to die now,"' he recalls.

"I tried to yank the bed up, my feet were getting clobbered by the splinters in the ties. I couldn't move the bed at all, I just started screaming 'You can't stop it, you can't stop it, you can't stop it.' And I picked my way across the ties, trying not to fall to impede people climbing over me who were trying to escape, too.

"And then I got into the rocks which were razor sharp and I turned and I'm going, 'Oh, Jesus God.' I'm looking at them, I was only a few feet away from the train and I saw them, I felt the wind buffered and I just covered my eyes and started screaming 'No, no, no, no, no, no."'

Hurt pulled out of the project two months after the incident, which took place Feb. 20, 2014, the very first day of filming. The film has never been completed.

"It's the sorrow of my professional life and one of the great sorrows of my personal life," Hurt said of the tragedy.

"It was simply impossible to imagine anything like that could happen," he added.

Hurt can't help but wonder whether he could have prevented the tragedy by taking a firmer stand.

At the time, he says he didn't want to be ostracized for throwing his weight around.

"The one other thing I could have done was say, 'This isn't good enough for me, I'm walking off the set.' But it was our very, very first day with a crew that had worked together before," he says. "You can always imagine what you could have done." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

William Hurt, right, in the upcoming AMC drama, Humans. CONTRIBUTED

> **I was only a few feet away from the train and I saw them, I felt the wind buffered and I just covered my eyes and started screaming**
> William Hurt describes the tragic accident

FILM FALLOUT

Midnight Rider directors, producer plead guilty

The director of Midnight Rider, Randall Miller, pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and criminal trespassing earlier this year. He was sentenced to two years in a county jail and eight years probation and fined $20,000.

Assistant director Hillary Schwartz was convicted on charges of involuntary manslaughter and criminal trespassing and also received 10 years probation.

Executive producer Jay Sedrish also pleaded guilty to the same charges and received 10 years probation.

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FINDING YOUR ROOTS

PBS series postponed over Affleck episode

PBS put its Finding Your Roots series on hold this week after determining an episode that omitted references to Ben Affleck's ancestor as a slave owner violated its standards.

The public television service said it is postponing the show's third season and delaying a commitment to a fourth year until it is satisfied with improvement in the show's editorial standards.

PBS launched its investigation after it was reported that Affleck requested the program not reveal his ancestor's slaveholding history in the 2014 episode. The Associated Press examined historical documents and found that Affleck's great-great-great-grandfather owned 24 slaves.

The review found that co-producers violated PBS standards by allowing improper influence on the show's editorial process and failed to inform PBS or producing station WNET of Affleck's efforts to affect the program's content.

In a statement, series host and executive producer Henry Louis Gates Jr. apologized for forcing PBS to defend the integrity of its programming. He said he's working with public TV on new guidelines to ensure increased transparency.

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Actor Ben Affleck.
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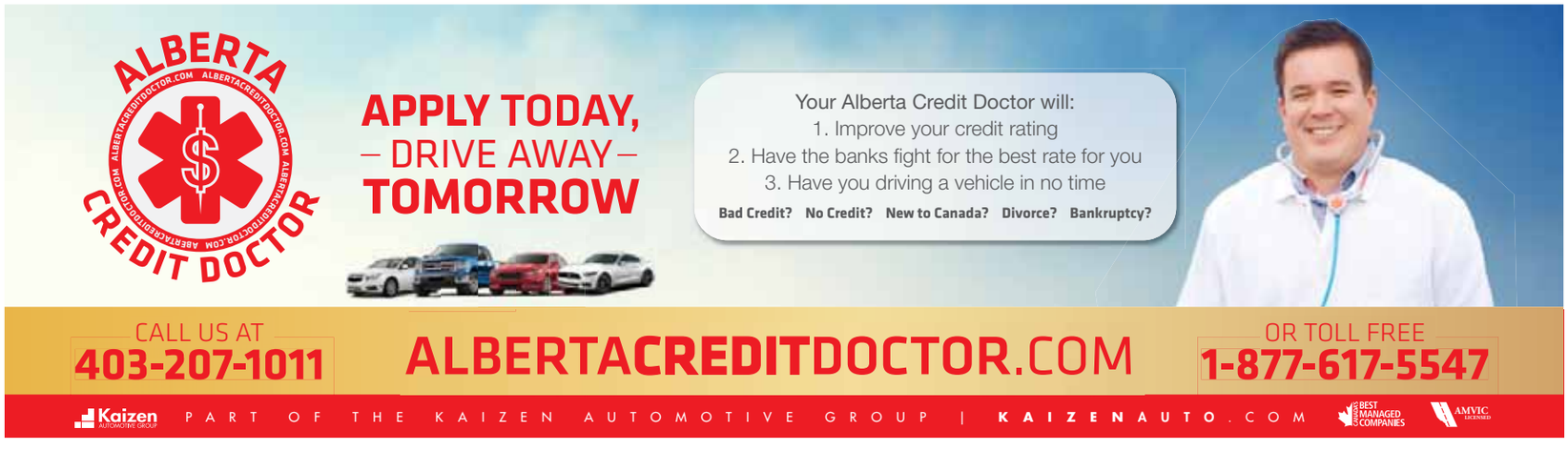

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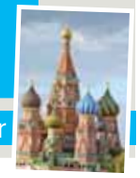

Coastline, seafood without the crowds

A squall rolls in from the Gulf of St. Lawrence along the Cabot Trail in Cape Breton Highlands National Park, N.S. JOHN LUMPKIN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NOVA SCOTIA

Outdoor pursuits await visitors on Cabot Trail

Rounding a curve on the Cabot Trail, you see it: an elongated pile of granite jutting toward the Atlantic Ocean.

It's called Middle Head, and it's part of Cape Breton Highlands National Park on Nova Scotia's Cape Breton Island. The views from here are stunning, whether a sandy beach below or brooding Mount Smokey above.

At Middle Head's entrance is the 75-year-old Keltic Resort, which can serve as a well-appointed base camp for exploring the 950-sq.-km. national park and the Cabot Trail, a ring road.

Reminiscent of Ireland's formidable Ring of Kerry, Cabot Trail's 298-kilometre route clings to cliffs, plunges into deep native forests and connects small coastal communities whose heritage comes from French, Irish and British settlers, as well as the Mi'kmaq, the region's indigenous people.

Highway signs may be in French or Gaelic, as well as English.

Navigating sharp bends and steep descents, motorists can stop at numerous "look-offs" that may be safer than gawking through the windshield.

Birds are abundant, marine life can be observed during off-shore tours, and a moose or two may materialize.

One difference between the Ring of Kerry and its Canadian counterpart is the crowds.

Here, tour buses are rare and other traffic is light. Just make sure you know where gas stations are.

For the peckish along the Cabot Trail, an extraordinary club sandwich is served at the unpretentious Seagull Restaurant near the Keltic Resort.

It is packed with chunks of locally caught lobster, smoked bacon and summer-fresh lettuce and tomato on crusty toast.

The chowder is prepared daily by the octogenarian owner and retired coal miner, John Dan Jobes. In his broth could be crab, scallops, salmon, mackerel, cod or halibut.

Up the highway is the Chowder House in Neil's Harbour, a fishing village with stacks of lobster traps on its wharfs.

Chowder House's 16 indoor picnic tables were crammed before noon on a weekday with offerings of lobster sandwiches, crab cakes and both clam and seafood chowder.

Its mussels could have been harvested that morning from Cape North near where explorers John and Sebastian Cabot were said to have landed in 1497.

Working up an appetite is not difficult. Hiking trails for different skill levels are plentiful throughout the national park, including more than a half-dozen near its entrance at Ingonish Beach.

One low-impact guided hike traverses the length of Middle Head through trees and patches of knapweed, elderberry and wild daisies to its tip for a 270-degree panorama of the ocean and faraway jagged shorelines.

Said to be among the world's top cycling destinations, Cape Breton Highlands has strategically placed campgrounds for longer Cabot Trail rides and several off-pavement trails.

Golf at internationally ranked Highland Links adjacent to Keltic Resort can be arduous, if you walk rather than ride in a motorized cart.

Highland Links' holes wind by the sea, twist through dense woodlands or border the Clyburn River. The trek from the first tee to the 18th green is 13 kilometres.

With what's left of the day, you could attend a "ceilidh" at a local parish hall where musicians gather to play or spend it in the Highland Sitting Room at Keltic, with ocean views, twin fireplaces and entertainers.

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IF YOU GO

Check out Cheticamp, a French-Acadian fishing village; the Bell Museum in Baddeck; and Glenmora Distillery in Glenville.

The main lodge at Keltic Resort near Ingonish Beach, N.S.
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Think you know Canada, eh?

CANADA DAY

Quiz focuses on unique attractions countrywide

ON THE MOVE

Loren Christie

In honour of Canada's 148th birthday on Wednesday, let's celebrate our collective quirky side by testing your knowledge of our country's most bizarre and unique tourist destinations.

1. Cap-Egmont, P.E.I., is home to a collection of three buildings made from 25,000 recycled what?
a) Egg cartons
b) Bottles
c) Horseshoes

2. Every spring tens of thousands of snakes, the largest gathering in the world, emerge from their winter dens. Which province is home to this slithering frenzy of activity?
a) New Brunswick
b) Manitoba
c) British Columbia

3. The ferry service between these two cities is the oldest continually operational salt-water ferry service in North America.
a) Halifax-Dartmouth
b) Vancouver-Victoria
c) Ottawa-Montreal

4. This Vancouver Island town is home to world's largest hockey stick and puck.
a) Duncan
b) Nanaimo
c) Tofino

5. This province is home to The Myriad View, Canada's first legal moonshine producer.
a) Saskatchewan
b) Quebec
c) Prince Edward Island

6. Which province can lay claim to giant roadside attractions that include an apple, a nickel and a really large Canada goose?
a) Newfoundland
b) Ontario
c) Alberta

7. This island is the largest island in a freshwater lake in the world.
a) Miller's Island
b) St. Pierre and Miquelon
c) Manitoulin Island

8. This city has the most pubs per capita in Canada.
a) St. John's
b) Toronto
c) Halifax

9. True or false, the Ice Hotel, outside of Quebec City, is rebuilt every year from scratch.

10. Carl Lindley, a homesick U.S. soldier building the Alaska Highway, posted a sign post to his hometown in 1942. Today the Sign Post Forest in Watson Lake, Yukon, has how many signs from all over the world hammered to row upon row of posts?
a) 77,000
b) 7,700
c) 77

11. Which of the following festivals does not exist?
a) Nanaimo's World Championship Bathtub Race
b) The Great Klondike International Outhouse Race in Dawson City
c) The National Frog Jumping Championships in St. Pierre-Jolys, Man.

12. Alberta's Wood Buffalo National Park is home to the world's largest what? It's so big it can be seen from space.
a) beaver dam
b) eagle's nest
c) canoe

13. The Leifsburdir in Newfoundland is the only sod-covered restaurant in North America. It serves up traditional —— food.
a) Acadian
b) Viking
c) British

ISTOCK

Answers:

1. b 8. c
2. b 9. True
3. a 10. a
4. a 11. Trick question
5. c — all exist
6. b 12. a
7. c 13. b

The courtyard at the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

ITALY

Florence museums open late

Three highly popular tourist attractions in Florence, Italy, including the Uffizi Gallery, will be open on Saturday nights.

The Italian Culture Ministry announced earlier this week the Uffizi, the Accademia Gallery and the Bargello National Museum, starting this week, will be open Saturdays from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. The special initiative runs until Dec. 19.

The Uffizi is Italy's top-drawing museum. The Accademia is famed for Michelangelo's sculpture David. The Bargello is mainly dedicated to sculpture. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO

Sand and surf activities highlight summertime

With an average of 250 days of sunshine a year, any time is good to visit San Diego, Calif.

Summer, however, means the chilly Pacific Ocean waters are warm enough for surfing without a wetsuit and the time is ripe to leverage beach fire pits.

San Diego's coast boasts world-class surfing but also decent waves for the novice.

There are a slew of surf schools. Best bet is to look online or head to neighbourhoods such as Mission Beach or Pacific Beach. Or grab a local craft beer and nachos at the WaveHouse on Mission Beach that hosts competitions of surfers flipping in the air off its machine-churned pool waves, with a view of the real thing in the Pacific.

People stroll down the beach in the La Jolla section of San Diego, Calif. LENNY IGNELZI VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Al fresco dining is a must-do in this city. For a cheap breakfast or lunch, visit a farmer's market. There are several open daily.

Or, make like the locals and grab a bundle of wood at a grocery store and roast hot dogs at one of the permanent fire pits set up along San Diego's bays.

The pits and their locations actually get reviews on Yelp. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRAVEL NOTES KEY MAKEOVER AND BAJAN BARGAINS

Facelift in Florida
Hawks Cay, a quiet resort on Florida's Duck Key, just finished a $22-million renovation, sprouting an adults-only section and family suites, plus revamped meeting space to the tune of 20,000 sq. ft. A Marina Walk cultural and market area debuts early 2016. Visit HawksCay.com.

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Old Havana bares its soul

CUBA

Rhythms of daily life mix with tourist attractions

In some destinations, tourist areas are located far from the rhythms of everyday life. But visitors who wander through Old Havana — Habana Vieja, as locals call it — can't help but get a sense of how ordinary Cubans live.

You'll see uniformed school children, street vendors selling colourful fruits and peppers from carts, clotheslines hung from patios, and small dogs sunning themselves on sidewalks. There are lines at government-run offices for phone service and banking, and bicycle taxis ferrying passengers through the narrow streets.

City of sounds

You might hear a rooster crow, a caged songbird, salsa music or the engine of an old car roaring as it trundles past. Watch out for pipes jutting from windows: water may pour out from housework being done inside.

Nearly every street seems to have a sign attesting to something of cultural or historic significance. O'Reilly Street, for example, named for an Irishman who became a leader in the Spanish colonies and married into a prominent Cuban family, bears a plaque with a rather poetic allusion to the histories of Ireland and Cuba: "Two island peoples in the same sea of struggle and hope."

A vendor takes a breather in a souvenir shop's doorway.
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Many buildings are terribly run down. It's not unusual to see the sky through a roofless stone facade or piles of rubble in the street. But other sites have been beautifully restored, especially around the squares in the eastern half of the neighbourhood bordering the water.

Spend a few hours walking through Plaza Vieja, Plaza de Armas, Plaza San Francisco and Cathedral Square. Many museums and other attractions are located here, including the Museum of Rum, which offers visitors a swig at the end of the tour, and the Ambos Mundos Hotel, which has an excellent short tour of a room where author Ernest Hemingway lived and wrote.

Another cluster of major attractions is located in the western half of the neighbourhood, near the Prado or Paseo de Marti, a boulevard that divides Old Havana from Central Havana.

The Prado itself is worth a stroll, especially on Sundays when it hosts an outdoor art market. Adjacent to the Prado is the Parque Central (Central Park), home to a statue of revolutionary hero Jose Marti.

Museums and mojitos

A block over, between Agramonte and Avenida de Las Misiones (Belgica), you'll find the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, with extraordinary collections of Cuban art in one building and international art in another, and the Museo de la Revolucion, with a tank and the famous boat Granma used by former Cuban leader Fidel Castro and a wall of cartoons called Cretins' Corner mocking former U.S. presidents Ronald Reagan and both George Bushes.

But more enjoyable than the exhibits, the tourist crowds and watery mojitos at La Boguedita del Medio (Empedrado No. 207) are the relaxed outdoor cafés in the old squares on the other side of Habana Vieja.

Nothing is lovelier than sipping a Cristal beer in Plaza San Francisco or Plaza Vieja in early evening, when the day's heat dissipates and sweet sounds from a three-piece band playing Guantanamera drift across the square.

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Creating a welcoming environment

A record number of Calgary's bars, pubs and clubs were recognized for their commitment to patron and staff safety at the fourth annual Best Bar None awards held June 15 at Telus Spark.

Owners, management and staff from 52 of Calgary's licensed premises gathered with members of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC), the City of Calgary and Calgary Police Service to celebrate Calgary's spirit of hospitality.

Seven of the accredited venues took home trophies in categories such as best pub, best club, and best hotel/restaurant lounge.

In order to achieve Best Bar None status, an establishment is given a checklist with more than 100 industry best practices that range from fire safety to first aid training to a physical inspection of the venue, nearly 50 of which are mandatory.

Participation in the program is voluntary for licensed premises.

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"We appreciate the opportunity to show the AGLC, City of Calgary, and Calgary Police Service what we do every day to create a welcoming and safe environment for our guests," says Mike Kelly, general manager at Hudson's Shawnessy, this year's winner of best large pub.

WINNERS

Of the 52 licensed premises congratulated, seven bars took home trophies:
BEST PUB: Bottlescrew Bill's Pub
BEST LARGE PUB: Hudsons Canadian Tap House Shawnessy
BEST BAR/LOUNGE: Loco Lou's Grill and Bar
BEST CASINO: Casino Bar at Cash Casino
BEST CAMPUS BAR: The Den & Black Lounge at the University of Calgary
BEST HOTEL/RESTAURANT LOUNGE: Jetz Bar and Lounge Best Western Port O'Call Hotel
BEST CLUB: Ranchman's Cookhouse and Dancehall

"We want the public to know that we value their comfort and safety, so getting accredited in Best Bar None demonstrates that importance. Winning the best large pub title four years in a row means we have something to prove to the public every night."

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Stamps ready to defend title

CFL

2014 champs anxious for Grey Cup rematch

The Calgary Stampeders hope to start their Canadian Football League season the way they finished the 2015 campaign — with a victory over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Seven months after their 2016 Grey Cup win over Hamilton at Vancouver's BC Place, the Stamps will host the Ticats in their home opener at McMahon Stadium on Friday night.

"I'm excited," said veteran Stamps defensive back Keon Raymond. "I know they've been waiting a long time for this game and so have we. All the celebration is over. It's time to get back to the meat and potatoes of this thing."

Fellow linebacker Juwan Simpson agreed, the Stamps are ready to put last year behind them and concentrate on this season.

"Last year was over when I went home," Simpson said. "I was able to focus and start on this year and I know a lot of other guys were. We can talk about last year when we're done playing football and old and grey, but now we've got to talk about the present."

The Stampeders defence is tasked with shutting down Ticats QB Zach Collaros. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIN PRESS

Fresh off his Grey Cup MVP performance, Stamps quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell said he can't wait to play in front of fans in Calgary once again.

"I can't really describe the feeling right now as far as just anxiousness of wanting to get on the field with my guys," Mitchell said.

The Stamps and Ticats won both their pre-season games and Mitchell knows he and the Calgary offence will face a tough task against Hamilton's defence to kick off the regular season.

"They're a very physical defence all around," Mitchell said. "Watching their pre-season games, every single play they made, they'd get hyped. They want to bring that aura, that confidence that they're bigger than you.

"You've got to do things that slow them down. You've got to do things that take the punch to them, make sure you show them that you can hit me in the mouth as many times as you want, but we're going to get back up and bite right back."

While Mitchell came into his own as Calgary's starter last season, Zach Collaros also made a name for himself as Hamilton's new No. 1.

"He's a good player," Simpson said of Collaros. "He's the starting quarterback there. He can scramble and makes a lot of plays with his feet. He's surrounded by good talent. That's pretty much it. I'm not going to pump those guys up or toot anybody's horn. We know what they have and they know what we have." THE CANADIAN PRESS

"It's nice that the CFL season is having a Grey Cup rematch and it's going to be a heck of a football game. John Hufnagel

REDBLACKS ROUGH UP ALOUETTES IN SEASON OPENER The Redblacks' Travis Brown, bottom right, tackles the Alouettes' Tyrell Sutton with the assistance of teammate Jerrell Gavins during the CFL's regular-season opener on Thursday night in Montreal. Jeremiah Johnson scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter as the Redblacks earned a 20-16 comeback win after the Alouettes lost both starting quarterback Jonathan Crompton and backup Dan LeFevour to injury. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canada defender Lauren Sesselmann has clawed her way back into the women's national team lineup after tearing her ACL in training for last year's Cyprus Cup.

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Hurt, but still game

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Sesselmann overcomes knee injury to help Canada

The post-practice ice bag on Lauren Sesselmann's knee is a reminder of the veteran defender's painful journey to the Women's World Cup.

At times it has been one step forward, two steps back in her return from anterior cruciate ligament surgery. The 31-year-old has had some missteps at the tournament. But the resilient Sesselmann has bounced back and continues to line up alongside teenage centre back Kadeisha Buchanan in a stingy Canadian defence.

In the tournament opener against China, a giveaway during a passage of erratic play in the first half meant Sesselmann had to convince coach John Herdman to keep her on the field. There were also some hiccups in the round-of-16-game against Switzerland.

Herdman has defended his centre back. But Sesselmann has felt the heat from the media, perhaps unfairly for an athlete who has had to go from zero to a 100 in returning from a serious knee injury at the sport's biggest showcase.

"You hear it here and there," she said of the criticism. "People are always going to have something to say. You can be the best player in the world and they still have something to say. I'm not even worrying about that. I look where I am and how far we've gotten at the tournament and it's kind of that moment where you're just like 'We're here, you're not.'

"This is our team and we're focused on the talk at hand… People can say what they want but we're focused on winning the Cup."

Canada's next challenge is England on Saturday in the quarter-finals at B.C. Place Stadium.

Sesselmann tries to see the bigger picture when it comes to being under the spotlight.

"Everybody in this tournament makes mistakes.

Even the greatest athlete in the world makes mistakes," she said. "It's part of the game.

"It's how you bounce back from them. And each game for me has been better and better. My job is to defend and that's exactly what I've been doing."

Canada is tied with the U.S. and Brazil with just one goal conceded at the tournament.

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QUARTER-FINALS

FRIDAY

In Montreal
Germany vs. France, 2 p.m.

In Ottawa
China vs. U.S., 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

In Edmonton
Australia vs. Japan, 2 p.m.

In Vancouver
Canada vs. England, 5:30 p.m.

NHL

McDavid 'looking forward' to hearing his name called at draft

For Connor McDavid, this is only the beginning.

And he's eager to see what comes next.

There's no mystery, no drama, no guessing about what will happen when the Edmonton Oilers make the first pick in Friday night's NHL draft. It's going to be McDavid's moment, as hockey's latest heir apparent — a six-foot-one centre who's already been compared to the game's royalty — takes his first steps on the road to what many expect will be a rapid rise to professional stardom.

"You only go through the draft process once and it's something you want to savour," McDavid said. "It's something I've been looking forward to for a long, long time. (You're) going to be so happy when you're drafted, but that's when the hard work starts."

He's going to a place that saw the Stanley Cup get hoisted five times in seven seasons from 1984 through 1990, with no titles since and not even as much as a playoff appearance since 2006. And the Oilers haven't exactly cashed in on having the top pick; McDavid will be their fourth No. 1 overall selection in the last six years.

But he's supposed to be different.

"Time will tell, but at this age, yes, probably," Florida general manager Dale Tallon said when asked if McDavid is the best prospect since Sidney Crosby.

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RECIPE Rose's Hawaiian Burger

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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 23 minutes
Serves: 4

Ingredients
- 1 lb ground lean sirloin steak
- 3 Tbsp minced green onion
- 1/4 cup dry seasoned breadcrumbs
- 3 Tbsp barbecue sauce
- 1 1/2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- a pinch of salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 1 medium red bell pepper cut into four wedges
- 4 rings sweet large onion (cut into 1/4 thickness)
- 4 slices zucchini, sliced lengthwise (cut into 1/4 thickness)
- 2 round slices pineapple (1/2 thick, cut into four pieces)

Directions
1. To make the burgers, combine meat, green onion, breadcrumbs, barbecue sauce, garlic, salt, pepper, egg and basil in a large bowl. Mix thoroughly and shape into four burgers. Grill for four minutes per side, or until no longer pink in the centre.
2. Meanwhile, grill on barbecue or in a pan, red bell pepper wedges, onion rings and zucchini slices until charred and tender, about 10 minutes. Add pineapple slices and grill for five minutes in total.
3. Layer burger with vegetables and pineapple and serve. If preferred, serve with hamburger buns.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 280
- Protein 26 g
- Fat 13 g
- Sodium 253 mg

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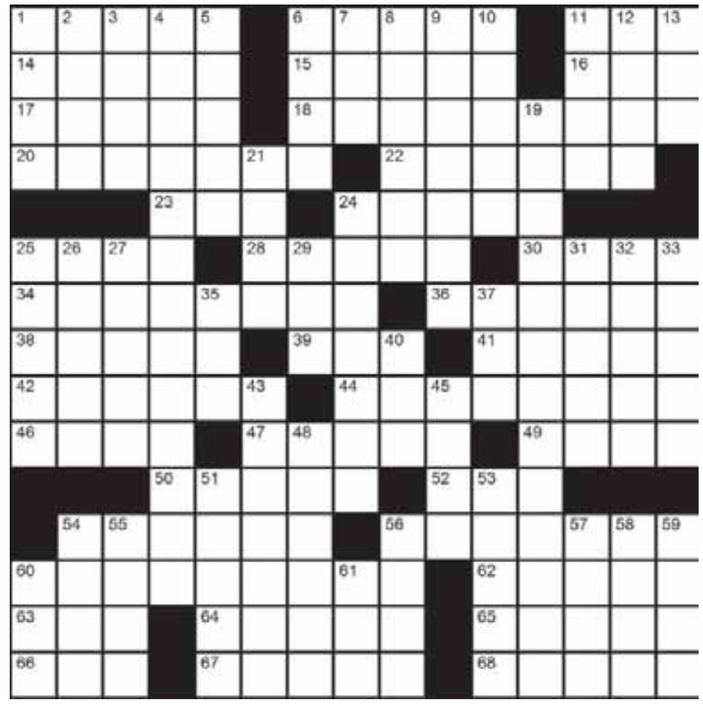
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Thicket of trees
6. Calendar amounts
11. Deplete
14. Literary adventurer Mr. Quatermain
15. Georgia of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
16. Blood-typing letters
17. Andes creature
18. Quantity for Earl Grey?
20. John _ (Canadian host of Food Network's "You Gotta Eat Here!")
22. Castle tower
23. Airport acronym
24. Filmdom's Mr. Eisenberg
25. Advertised-on-TV record co.
28. Scoundrel
30. Ms. Jordan
34. Like sci-fi aliens
36. Mr. Yoakam
38. "You wanna fight, you'll get a fight!": 2 wds.
39. "_ 2" (2015) starring Mark Wahlberg
41. Challenger's beginning words...
42. Naval port of France
44. Hit for #30-Across: "Make You a _"
46. Blind, as per falconry
47. Island retreat in 1988 hit "Kokomo"
49. Journalist's interest
50. "Kind of _ _" by The Buckinghams
52. Cottage bed
54. Muscular
56. Harry Potter's pal Ron
60. Porch's lovely-sounds-provider: 2 wds.
62. Zzzzz ...loudly!
63. Cousin of 1960s television
64. "Why _ _?" (How come you won't let me?)
65. Ancient Greek colony
66. Music style, _ Soul
67. "Wayne's World" (1992) character Garth
68. Basketball-into-net sound

DOWN
1. Math class, e.g.
2. Stewing pot
3. _ du jour (Restaurant's special)
4. Dutch cartographer (b.1728 - d.1801) who became British North America's first Surveyor-General in 1764: 2 wds.
5. Pass, as law
6. Abominable snowman
7. Opposite WSW
8. Types of quartz
9. Withdrew from a court case
10. Music symbols
11. Home free
12. Border on
13. Parliament Hill fig.
19. Donald Sutherland's character in the 'Hunger Games' movies: 2 wds.
21. Not nervous
24. Beetle kind: 2 wds.
25. Works with wool
26. From head-_-_
27. Occur as a result
29. Muesli tidbit
31. Tequila plant source
32. The Taming of the _
33. 'Gang' suffixes
35. Barcelona 'one'
37. Nintendo game console
40. Newbie socialite [abbr.]
43. Spiral-tusked Arctic whale
45. Pretty material
48. Emulating the sun
51. Record label
53. Desert green spot
54. Locale
55. Go _ detail
56. Figure skater Johnny
57. Ms. Anderson
58. Q. "'_ _' _ amongst George Clooney's acting gigs, right?" A. "Yeah, he played a doctor."
59. "You betcha!"
60. Succeed
61. Kingston Trio song

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You can talk your way out of anything. Your powers of persuasion are second to none. Whether you use this talent wisely remains to be seen but wherever you go this weekend others will be impressed by your words.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Over the next few days it will become increasingly obvious that the world has moved and you must move with it. Taurus may at times be an inflexible sign but even you know the old way of doing things has had its day.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Mercury in your sign makes this an ideal time for forward planning, for thinking ahead. What you decide over the next few days will be what you bring into being over the next three or four weeks, so think carefully.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
What do you fear the most? Whatever it is, you must now face up to it and overcome it once and for all. Most likely you will discover it really isn't such a nightmare after all.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your views and opinions are likely to change quite dramatically over the next few days. You will certainly become aware of possibilities that did not occur to you before. Too fixed an outlook is the enemy of progress, so be flexible in your thinking.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your attitude towards your work will become a lot more serious over the next few days. Even if you are already successful in what you do you will realize there is so much more you can achieve.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
With mind planet Mercury moving through the area of your chart that governs long-distance travel, you won't be short of offers to expand your horizons. Accept each and every one of them.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Something will grab your attention today and captivate you to such an extent that you have little time for anything else. In the short-term that may be no bad thing but try not to let it become an obsession.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You seem to be doing a lot for other people and not so much for yourself. That needs to change. You must learn to say "no" whenever anyone, no matter how close, asks you to do things that you clearly don't enjoy.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
As Mercury moves through the work and health area of your chart you will find plenty of reasons to get busy — not least that you fear your reputation will suffer if you don't take a leading role. Don't exhaust yourself though.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Nothing is beyond you. All things are possible. According to the planets, you will make even the most difficult of tasks look easy. There is though a danger that you will take on too much and spread yourself too thin. Stay focused on your number one aim.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You must stay true to your beliefs. The more others try to persuade you to change your way of looking at and dealing with the world the more you must dig in your heels and refuse.

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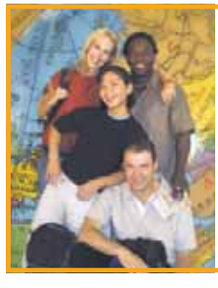

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